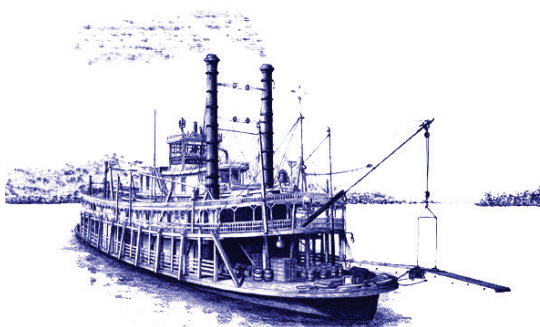




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BZA tables action on Lost Trails campground amid concerns

BY BOB DEMAREE

A transfer of ownership brought an application for a conditional use permit for a Madison Township campground back to the Jefferson County Board of Zoning Appeals Tuesday, but action was tabled after hearing concerns over alleged non-compliance with water company requirements and fire protection.

The application revisits a BZA decision from September 2021 that approved

a conditional use permit to Sam and Angela Simons for the campground, named Lost Trails, on 44.548 acres at 4004 North Old State Road 62 in Madison Township for land they had purchased in 2013.

The application was brought back this year by Sam Simons after the death of his wife, Angela, to brain cancer in 2023. Simons, now remarried, said he decided to transfer ownership to an entity he created, Lost Trails LLC, as part of his estate planning. One of the conditions for the approval of the conditional use in 2021 was that a change of ownership would require re-approval of the application.

But due to concerns raised at Tuesday's meeting, the BZA didn't feel comfortable making a decision to again approve the project, especially with a condition stipulated in the 2021 agreement that Simons comply with all federal, state and local ordinances and laws.

Cory Houchens, superintendent of the Rykers Ridge Water Company, said the campground is currently in violation of the water company's rules and state regulations.

Dave Smith, a member of the Rykers Ridge Fire Department, attended the meeting on behalf of the Rykers Ridge and Madison Township fire departments that would serve the campground in the event of a fire, to note safety issues with providing that service.

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Dow drops as tariffs ignite COVID-like shock

BY STAN CHOE
ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — Financial markets around the world are reeling Thursday following President Donald Trump's latest and most severe set of tariffs, and the U.S. stock market is taking the worst of it so far.

The S&P 500 was down 4.3% in morning trading, more than other major stock markets, and it's on track for its worst day since COVID shattered the global economy five years ago. The Dow Jones Industrial Average was down 1,538 points, or 3.6%, as of 10:55 a.m. Eastern time, and the Nasdaq composite was 5.6% lower.

Little was spared in financial markets as fear flared globally about the potentially toxic mix of higher inflation and weakening economic growth that tariffs can create.

Everything from crude oil to Big Tech stocks to the value of the U.S. dollar against other currencies fell. Even gold, which has hit records recently as investors sought something safer to own, pulled lower. Some of the worst hits walloped smaller U.S. companies, and the Russell 2000 index of smaller stocks dropped 6.6% into what's called a "bear market" after losing more than 20% from its record.

Investors worldwide knew Trump was going to announce a sweeping set of tariffs late Wednesday, and fears surrounding it had already pulled Wall Street's main measure of health, the S&P 500 index, 10% below its all-time high. But Trump still managed to surprise them with "the worst case scenario for tariffs," according to Mary Ann Bartels, chief investment officer at Sanctuary Wealth.

Trump announced a minimum tariff of 10% on imports, with the tax rate running much higher on products from certain countries like China and those from the European Union. It's "plausible" the tariffs altogether, which would rival levels unseen in roughly a century, could knock down U.S. economic growth by 2 percentage points this year and raise inflation close to 5%, according to UBS.

Such a hit would be so frightening that it "makes one's rational mind regard the possibility of them sticking as low," according to Bhanu Baweja and other strategists at UBS.

Wall Street had long assumed Trump would use tariffs merely as a tool for negotiations with other countries, rather than as a long-term policy. But Wednesday's announcement may suggest Trump sees tariffs more as helping to solve an ideological goal — wresting manufacturing jobs back to the United States in a process that could take years — than just an opening bet in a poker game.

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Slide repair on SR 56 east of Madison could take until late May

U.S. 421 culvert project on track

BY THE COURIER STAFF

A road slide on State Road 56 approximately 4.6 miles east of Madison could keep that route closed through late May.

Because of the safety risk, Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) issued road closure Thursday, March 27, requiring emergency slide repair work on State Road 56 between Madison and Brooksbury. The work is scheduled to begin on or after Monday, April 7, with GeoSpecialties contracted by the Indiana Department of Transportation.

The work will take place on State Road 56 between North Bee Camp Road and North Shirks Hollow Road in Jefferson County. The road will remain closed while the work is in progress but is expected to open in late May, weather permitting.

The road is the preferred route between Madison and Vevay, forcing detours to other routes between the two communities. INDOT's official detour follows State Road 56 to State Road 101 (Markland Dam) to U.S. 42 into Kentucky to KY 36 to U.S. 421 (Milton-Madison Bridge). Detour signage will be posted in the area while work is in progress. SR 56 will remain closed to both lanes to ensure motorist safety and to accommodate the amount of equipment needed to complete work.

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Above: State Road 56 east of North Bee Camp Road in Jefferson County has been closed since March 27 and expected to be closed through late May while a slide correction project restores the collapsing roadway.

Left: A slide along the Ohio River on the south side of State Road 56 has made that portion of the highway unsafe for travel. The section of road between North Bee Camp Road and North Shirks Hollow Road has been closed until repairs can be made with work scheduled to begin next week.

Bob Demareea

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Boone a driving force behind Madison music scene

If it's not completely obvious by now, the *raison d'être* behind this weekly column is to promote Madison's identity as Indiana's Music City. We've profiled the musicians, the venue owners, and the festival promoters who form the backbone of our unique musical culture. But flying under the radar, one of the prime movers and shakers is Todd Boone.

Todd has a personal vision to transform Madison into the kind of magical music town



CHARLIE ROHLFING
CHARLIE'S BEAT

best exemplified by the early days of Nashville, Tennessee, and Austin, Texas. "Before those places blew up and lost their soul," relates Todd, "you could go there for a weekend and just have the very best time of your life, full of music and food and good times. That's what I'd like to see right here, and honestly, we aren't that far away right now."

For the past several years, Todd has been on a single-minded mission to make his dream a reality. He

and Jimmy Davis conceived and founded the Madison Music Movement, the organization behind the branding of Indiana's Music City. He was the driving force behind the Madison Recording Studio on Second Street, and he was instrumental in getting Mad Paddle Brewery to happen. He's building a speakeasy music venue in the basement of one of his Main Street properties. And he's helping Crawdaddy Music relocate to a new building.

But one of the coolest things he's doing is happening this weekend, on Saturday, April 5,

from 2 to 7 p.m. It's called The Food & Music Pop Up, and it's at 522 West Street in the parking lot across from the old KDH hospital, next to the ambulance garage. "We own that vacant parking lot," explains Todd, "and I was thinking about different ways to put it to use to benefit the town."

"I'd seen these food truck pop ups in other cities, where all the local trucks come together at one location, maybe once a month. There'd be a music stage and a bar, and it would just be this great festive atmosphere. I talked to the local food truck operators back in the fall and

they liked the idea. So we hired a band to play for the day, catered a bar, and put the word out. The first one was a huge hit! So now we're doing it again, to see if we can maybe make it a more regular thing."

Food trucks scheduled to participate include DonutNV-Madison, Pakalana's Poke Wagon, German Corner, Rollin' Roosters and Troublemakers Food Truck, with New Madison Brewing providing their fresh, local craft beer. Bring your own chair if you want to sit and listen to the bands.

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Damage light in first wave of storms

BY BOB DEMAREE

The first round of severe storms — the beginning of a massive wave of severe weather forecast to extend into the weekend — arrived in the area Wednesday night but more is on the way according to the National Weather Service.

There were several severe storm and tornado warnings issued for the area Wednesday night abd Thursday morning but no substantial damage in the four-county area.

Jefferson County Emergency Management Agency Director

Matt True said, “Trees were down all through the county, Madison and Hanover. Most trees fell over grass, and quite a few fell over roads and structures,” but there were a few that fell on structures. He said there were also instances of power lines down during the Wednesday storms.

In places where roads were impacted, True said local law enforcement worked with county highway, and Madison and Hanover street crews to make roads passable.

Madison Mayor Bob Courtney said the city of Madison came through Wednesday’s storm with

“minor tree damage,” without flooding issues that have sometimes plagued the city in the past, most recently with Crooked Creek.

“We just had minor tree damage and will continue to closely monitor our river and tributaries during the severe weather,” Courtney said. “Our city crews and police/fire are trained for this and will respond accordingly.”

Switzerland County Highway Superintendent Dusty Hunt said Wednesday night’s storm has resulted in taking Spring Branch Road down to one lane halfway up the hill from State Road 56.

“We had some slippage last night there, and have barricaded it down to one lane,” Hunt said. adding there were some trees down in various places in the county, but with such heavy storms we “came out fairly well considering.”

Trimble County Emergency Management Agency Director Andrew Stark said Trimble County had trees downed and power lines downed, but there was only minimal damage.

Carrollton Police Chief Mike Willhoite said there was no substantial damage in Carrollton. “Just typical limbs down and

some debris washed out in roadways.”

On Thursday, the National Weather Service issued a “medium confidence” for more severe storms Friday and Saturday with additional waves of showers and storms to ride along with a stalled cold front. Large hail and gusty winds are the main threats.

Multiple rounds of heavy rainfall are expected through the weekend, according to the weather service with flooding becoming more widespread as the storms move through and rain totals increase.

NEWS OF RECORD

JEFFERSON COUNTY CRIMINAL JUSTICE CENTER

LODGINGS

March 31, 2025

- David Ray Balusek, 31, Madison, to serve 3 days jail, concurrent, on a court-ordered sentence No bond.
- Michele D. Tingle, 40, Madison, on a Jefferson County arrest warrant for probation violation. Bond \$1,000 cash.
- Christian Marlen Alexander Williams, 29, Madison, on a Jefferson County bench warrant. Bond \$6,500 cash.
- April 1, 2025
- Patrick Ian Broyles, 24, Madison, for Domestic Battery, a Class A misdemeanor. No bond.
- Holly M. Richardson, 33, Madison, for Possession of Cocaine or Narcotic Drug, Possession of a Syringe and Unlawful Possession or Use of a Legend Drug, all Level 6 felonies. Bond \$1,000 cash.
- Monica R. Sloffer, 48, Hanover, to serve 30 days jail, concurrent, on a court-ordered sentence. No bond.
- Johnny Joe Walters, 70, Brooksbury, Indiana, for Operating a Vehicle While Intoxicated, a Class A misdemeanor. Bond \$500 cash.

JEFFERSON COUNTY CIRCUIT & SUPERIOR COURT

SENTENCINGS

March 31, 2025

- David Ray Balusek, 31, Madison, Operating While Intoxicated, a Level 6 felony. Sentenced to 730 days at Indiana Department of Correction with credit for 2 days, balance of 5 days to serve and 725 days suspended to supervised probation plus \$589.50 in fees and court costs and 90-day loss of driver’s license.
- Kathryn Michelle Schneider, 41, Madison, to an amended charge of Operating While Intoxicated, a Class A misdemeanor. Sentenced to 180 days jail with credit for 2 days jail served and 178 days suspended to supervised probation plus \$489.50 in fees and court costs and 60-day loss of driver’s license.
- Marey Shia Annatalene Sampson, 26, Madison, for Possession of Marijuana, a Class

B misdemeanor. Sentenced to 180 days jail, all suspended to unsupervised probation, \$389 in fees and costs.

- Cory E. Poling, 27, Madison, for Possession of Marijuana, a Class B misdemeanor. Sentenced to 180 days jail, all suspended to unsupervised probation, \$389 in fees and costs.
- Fabian Salvador Perez, 22, Hanover, for Operating a Vehicle Without a Valid License, a Class C misdemeanor. Sentenced to zero days jail plus \$189.50 court costs.
- Ariana J. Ortiz-Roblero, 39, Madison, for Operating a Vehicle Without a Valid License, a Class C Misdemeanor. Sentenced to 60 days jail, all suspended to 180 days unsupervised probation plus \$189.50 court costs.

April 1, 2025

- April M. Pursifull, Madison, 45, for Operating While Intoxicated, a Class A misdemeanor, and Leaving the Scene of an Accident, a Class B misdemeanor. Sentenced to 365 days jail for OWI and 180 days jail for Leaving the Scene, concurrent, all suspended but 20 days jail with credit for 2 days jail served plus 325 days probation, \$589.50 in fees and court costs, \$1,800 restitution to Gabe Chandler and driver’s license suspended for 120 days.
- Lee James Smith, 46, Madison, to an amended charge of Domestic Battery, a Level 5 felony. Sentenced to 1,460 days at Indiana Department of Correction, with 548 days executed, credit for 274 days jail served and 912 days suspended to supervised probation plus \$639 in fees and court costs and No Contact Order to continue as condition of probation.
- Melody Michelle Mardello, 26, Madison, for Operating Without a Valid License, a Class C misdemeanor. Sentenced to 60 days jail, all suspended to 180 days supervised probation plus \$389.50 in fees and court costs and defendant must obtain a valid driver’s license as a condition of probation.
- Howard J. Smith Sr., 66, Madison, to an amended charge of Criminal Trespass, a Class A misdemeanor. Sentenced to 365 days jail, all suspended to supervised probation plus \$389 in fees and court costs and No Contact Order to continue as a condition of probation.’
- Kimberly Sue Russell, 41, Madison, for

Criminal Trespass, a Class A misdemeanor. Sentenced to zero days jail plus \$289 in fees and court costs and \$15.78 restitution to Walmart jointly and severally with Ronnie King.

- Cody Michael Reedy, 31, Hanover, for Possession of Methamphetamine, a Level 6 felony. Sentenced to 365 days at Indiana Department of Correction, all executed, with credit for 22 days of jail served and \$789 in fees and court costs.
- Rickey Tanner McLeod, 26, Madison, to amended charges of Unlawful Use of 911 Service, a Class A misdemeanor, and False Informing, a Class B misdemeanor. Sentenced to 365 days jail for unlawful use if 911 consecutive to 2 days jail for false informing, served. Placed on supervised probation for 365 days plus \$389 in fees and court costs.
- Joanne Michelle Gotts, 48, Madison, for Operating Without a License, a Class C misdemeanor. Sentenced to 2 days jail, served, plus \$189.50 in court costs.
- Daniel Earl Hunter, 26, Greencastle, Indiana, for Resisting Law Enforcement, a Class A misdemeanor. Sentenced to 70 days jail, served, plus \$289 in fees and court costs.
- Elias David Marshall, 24, Hanover, for Possession of Marijuana, a Class B misdemeanor, and Possession of Paraphernalia, a Class C misdemeanor. Sentenced to 180 days jail for marijuana, all suspended to supervised probation and consecutive to 2 days for paraphernalia, served plus \$789 in fees and court costs.

April 2, 2025

Jonathan David Clark, 52, Madison, to an amended charge of Possession of Methamphetamine, a Level 6 felony. Sentenced to 730 days at Indiana Department of Correction, suspended to supervised probation and consecutive to balance of suspended sentence in prior drug conviction plus \$1,189 in fees and court costs.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

JEFFERSON COUNTY

March 31, 2025

- Sara E. Stetson to Natalie L. Willis and Sara E. Stetson, 648 Hendricks Street, Madison.
- Nathaniel Todd Buckland and Stefanie A. Buckland to Larry Kleinhenz, approximately 12

acres at 4254 North County Road 1000 West, Deputy.

- Vernon Carroll Johnson to Summit Wealth Strategies LLC, 221 Glad Street, Hanover.
- Barney M. Witt to Midway Investments LLC, 8 lots and 3 parcels at 3948 North State Road 3, Deputy and 14000+ West Main Street, Deputy.
- Kimmie J. Jones-Lausten and Kim Lausten to William Joseph Creekmore, Christopher Wade Creekmore and Kim Lausten, 6925 West Main Street, Madison.
- Gregory G. Burdick and Oredas Burdick to Southern Indiana Properties LLC, 3335 North Quail Drive, Madison.
- Lisa K. Gray and Kay F. Parish to Michael R. Leach, 128 Madison Avenue, Hanover.

April 2, 2025

- Jacob M. Lawson and Sara Lawson to Robert R. Tingle Jr., 119 West Street, Hanover (\$111,393).
- Lost Trails LLC to Sam J. Simons, approximately 38.7 acres at 4004 and 4008 North Old State Road 62 Madison.
- Ronald Lee Vanosdol and Thomas Gregory Vanosdol (trustees) and The Revocable Living Trust of Lee W. and Christeen L. Vanosdol to Thomas Gregory Vanosdol, 208 Wildwood Dribe, Madison.
- Thomas Gregory Vanosdol to Thomas Gregory Vanosdol, Christina M. Hopper and Carrie L. Vanalstine, 208 Wildwood Drive, Madison.
- Jake L. Scudder to Donna H. Northern, 2853 Basswood Drive, Madison.
- Kenneth S. Baker and Shannon L. Baker to Kenneth S. Baker and Shannon L. Baker (trustees) and Joint Revocable Trust Agreement of Kenneth S. Baker and Shannon L. Baker Trust, 1850 Crozier Avenue, Madison and 1850+ Clifty Drive, Madison.
- Nathan Murphy to Sage D. Sproles, 2099 East Bob O Link Court, Madison.
- Patrick A. Dryden and Diana Dryden to Kiley Allison Schafer, 3470 North Quail Drive, Madison.
- Belva J. Lowry and Max E. Lowry to Laura J. White-Howard (trustee) and Lowry Irrevocable Asset Protection Trust, 1923 Fairway Drive Madison.
- Brandon Lee Reffett to Timothy L. Boldery Jr., 10723 North Reynolds Road, Dupont.

Fed judge will temporarily block billions in health funding cuts

BY DEVNA BOSE
ASSOCIATED PRESS

A federal judge will temporarily block President Donald Trump’s administration from cutting billions in federal dollars that support COVID-19 initiatives and public health projects throughout the country.

U.S. District Judge Mary McElroy, appointed by Trump in 2019 but first nominated by former President Barack Obama, in Rhode Island said Thursday that she plans to grant the court order sought by 23 states and the District of Columbia.

“They make a case, a strong case, for the fact that they will succeed on the merits, so I’m going to grant the temporary restraining order,” said McElroy, who plans to issue a written ruling later.

New York Attorney General Letitia James tweeted about the judge’s decision immediately after the hearing, saying: “We’re going to continue our lawsuit and fight to ensure states can provide the medical services Americans need.”

Assistant U.S. Attorney

Leslie Kane objected to the temporary restraining order in court but she said she was limited in the argument she could make against it, adding that her office was unable to thoroughly review the thousands of documents under the time limitation.

The states’ lawsuit, filed Tuesday, sought to immediately stop the \$11 billion in cuts. The money was allocated by Congress during the pandemic and mostly used for COVID-related initiatives, as well as for mental health and substance use

efforts. The lawsuit said losing the money would devastate U.S. public health infrastructure, putting states “at greater risk for future pandemics and the spread of otherwise preventable disease and cutting off vital public health services.”

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services has defended the decision, saying that the money was being wasted since the pandemic is over.

State and local public health departments already have laid off people, including nearly 200 employees at the Minnesota Department of Health. North Carolina says it stands to lose about \$230 million, and California officials put their potential losses at \$1 billion.

Pennsylvania Gov. Josh

Shapiro, who is also part of the lawsuit, said half a billion dollars in public health grants that support long-term care for the elderly and immunizations for children were at stake in his state.

“As a result of taking the Administration to court, these dollars will now start flowing again,” he wrote on X.

The temporary block on chopping health funding is the latest legal setback for the Trump administration, which is facing some 150 lawsuits on issues ranging from immigration to deep financial and job cuts at federal agencies to transgender rights. Federal judges have issued dozens of orders slowing — at least for now — the president’s ambitious conservative agenda.



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WEATHER

Sunrise: 7:19 a.m.

Sunset: 8:09 p.m.

Temperature: High 65, Low 51, Mean 58.0, Excess 3.4

Precipitation since last published: 1.44

Precipitation, March 2025: 6.12

Precipitation, April 2025: 1.44

Precipitation, 2025: 16.47

Barometer: 30.05, Rising

River Level at Clifty Creek: 436.8, Rising (Minor flooding 451.0)

Forecast: Saturday: Thunderstorms High 64/Low 43; Sunday: Showers High 46/Low 34; Monday: Partly cloudy High 57/Low 27; Tuesday: Partly cloudy High 43/Low 27.

LOTTERIES

INDIANA

Hoosier Lotto: 4-6-19-22-31-41 (4/2). Estimated Jackpot: \$1.4 million. Next Drawing (4/5).

Cash Five: 5-13-32-22-43 (4/2)

Cash 4 Life: 4-6-23-56-59 CB: 2 (4/2)

KENTUCKY

Cash Ball: 2-3-11-15 CB 17 (4/2)

Lucky For Life: 18-22-35-36-43

LB: 8 (4/2)

MEGAMILLIONS: 11-12-21-29-49

MB: 3, MP 2 (4/1). Next Jackpot: \$43 million. Next Drawing (4/4)

POWERBALL: 5-17-41-64-69

PB: 1, PP 2 (4/2). Next Estimated Jackpot: \$47 million. Next Drawing (4/5)

POWERBALL DOUBLE PLAY:

7-18-23-31-44 PB: 24 (4/2). Next

Estimated Jackpot: Up to

\$10 million. Next Drawing (4/5)

OBITUARIES

Richard A. “Buddy” Gaw, 78, of Sellersburg, Formerly of Plainfield, passed away on Saturday, March 29, 2025. He was born in Owensboro, KY, on Jan. 1, 1947, to the late George and Josephine Augenstein Gaw.

Buddy was a graduate of Plainfield High School class of 1966. He navigated through life as a jack of all trades until he found his home at the Madison Regatta, a member of the safety and



rescue team he became the director in 1989 and was Regatta President in

Richard A. ‘Buddy’ Gaw

2006.

Survivors include his daughter, Sarah Taylor (Chris); son, Brevin Gaw (Carter); sister, Sandy Lambert (Dubbie); grandchildren, Christiana Kaster, Raina Taylor, Josie Taylor, Tristan Gaw, Carson Gaw and Charlie Gaw; great-grandchildren, Romeo Taylor and Legend Gaw.

In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by his stepmother, Ortha Gaw;

son, Cory Gaw; wife, Judy Gaw and many friends.

Funeral services will be held on Friday April 4, 2025, at 1 p.m., in Hall-Baker Funeral Home, Plainfield. Entombment will follow in Maple Hill Cemetery, Plainfield. Visitation will be held on Friday from 9 a.m., until services in the funeral home.

Please visit www.bakerfuneralservice.com to leave the family a condolence.



Mark Douglas Helton

Mark Douglas Helton, 62, of Milton, KY, entered this life on Jan. 13, 1963, in Madison, IN. He was the loving son of the late Archie Ray and Wilma Jean Richardson Helton. He resided all of his life in Trimble County and graduated from Trimble County High School. He farmed all of his life and enjoyed hunting. Mark died on Tuesday, March 18, 2025, at 2:11 p.m., at the Norton King’s Daughters’ Hospital in Madison.

Mark will be missed by his brother, Joe Helton of Milton, KY; his sister, Patty Lewis of Madison; two nephews; several cousins and other relatives.

He was preceded in death by his father, Archie Ray Helton, his mother, Wilma Jean Richardson Helton, and two nephews.

Mark chose cremation with no services to be held.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Mark Helton Remembrance Fund. Cards are available at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison and Hanover.

Online condolences, remembrances and memorials, can be left at www.morgan-nay.com.

DEATH NOTICES

Patricia Jo Amis, 78, of Vevay, IN, died Sunday, March 30, 2025, at Seymour Crossing in Seymour. Funeral service was Friday, April 4, at Dove-Sharp & Rudicel Funeral Home and Cremation Service in North Vernon, IN, with burial to follow in the Vernon Cemetery in Vernon, IN, www.dovesharprudicel.com.

Daniel Lewis Harnden, 63, of Mason, OH, died Wednesday, April 2, 2025, at Hospice of Hamilton in Hamilton, OH. Cremation was chosen with a private family graveside to be held. Arrangements by Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison, IN, www.morgan-nay.com.

Asher Paul David Scott, entered life prematurely at 10 p.m. on Monday, March 31, 2025, at home and was pronounced deceased at the emergency room of Norton King’s Daughters’ Health in Madison, IN. Services will be private. Arrangements by Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison, and Hanover, IN www.morgan-nay.com.

John William “Jack” Spencer, 88, of Columbus, OH, and formerly of Switzerland County, IN, died Monday, March 31, 2025, at Mount Carmel East Hospital in Columbus. Interment will be in the Vevay Cemetery, Vevay, IN. Arrangements by Haskell and Morrison Funeral Home in Vevay, www.haskell-morrison.com.

Della Kirby Gunter Stephens Marts



30, 2025, at 10:02 p.m., at the Norton King’s Daughters’ Hospital in Madison.

Della will be missed by her loving sons, Thomas “Tony” Anthony Gunter and his wife, Cindy of Owensboro, KY, Kirby “Cheyne” Cheynan Gunter and his wife, Robin of Chelsea William Farrell Stephens of Jacksonville, FL; her daughter-in-law, Tracy Dawn Tucker Gunter of Madison; her

grandchildren, Chase Alexander Gunter, Justin Gunter, Cherokee Delany Gunter of Madison, Ayden Stephens, Rose Geneva Stephens, Kristy Brown, Tina Moore, Dustin Roberts (Jessica); her great-grandchildren, Olivia, Della Jane, Rowan, Kyla, Millie, Marissa, Koleman, Aubrey, Gavin, Audi; her great-great-grandchildren, Nevaeh, Kamden, and Lincoln; her sister, Mary Kirby Kelly and her husband, Mike of Madison; her brother, William Lewis Kirby and his wife, Eva of Hanover; her sister-in-law, Carol Kirby; several nieces, nephews and other relatives.

She was preceded in death by her father, Simon L. Kirby; her mother, Rachel A Struck Kirby; her son, Chadwick “Chad” Delany Gunter;

her sister, Rose Wheeler; her brothers, Dewell “Duke” Kirby, Denvil Kirby and Lowell Kirby.

Funeral services will be conducted Saturday, April 5, 2025, at 2 p.m., by Thomas “Tony” Anthony Gunter at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre, 325 Demaree Drive in Madison. Interment will follow in the Grandview Memorial Gardens, 9306 North US 421 near Madison. Friends may visit on Saturday from 12-2 p.m., at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre.

Memorial contributions may be made to the New Life Fellowship Church. Cards are available at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison and Hanover.

Online condolences, remembrances and memorials, can be left at www.morgan-nay.com.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

LENTEN WORSHIP & LUNCHEON

First Baptist Church, 416 Vine St., Madison on April 9 & 16, Noon.

Community Lenten Worship and Luncheon is being held each Wednesday at noon through April 16 leading up to Easter on Sunday, April 20. Luncheons are at First Baptist Church of Madison on April 9 and Trinity United Methodist Church on April 16. The lunches are sponsored by the Greater Madison Ministerial Association with a church hosting a devotion from a local pastor with free lunch to follow.

EVENTS

Historical Address

Fitzgibbon Hall, Lynn Center for Fine Arts, Hanover College on Saturday, April 5, 12:45 p.m.

Historian, educator and author Michael Koncewicz, Ph.D., will be on the Hanover College campus to present the annual Cornelius and Anna Cook O’Brien Lecture as the keynote address for the 45th-annual Indiana Association of Historians’ annual conference. An associate director at the Institute for Public Knowledge at New York University, Koncewicz also teaches courses on public history and U.S. presidents. His scholarship focuses on U.S. culture and politics during the 1960s and 1970s. The keynote address, “Richard Nixon, Tom Hayden, and the Resistance of the Watergate Era,” is open to the public, free of charge, as well as conference attendees.

Art Party

The SPOT, Madison Area Arts Alliance, 326 Mulberry St., Madison, on Friday, April 11, 5-8 p.m.

Three new gallery exhibits will be highlighted: Ordinary Wonders, art by Teresa Waller; Art is Instrumental, a collaboration between Crawdaddy Music and local artists; and Over the Rainbow, a celebration of Pride with various artists. Brief talks at 6 p.m.

Mertz Trio

Presented by Madison Performing Arts Foundation Fairfield Inn and Suites, Picker House, 110 St. Michaels Avenue, Madison on Friday, April 11, 7 p.m.

Pianist Fei-Fei, violinist Brigid Coleridge and cellist Julia Yang, Merz Trio present a narrative

of classical music through wide-ranging interdisciplinary collaboration. The free event is sponsored by the Community Foundation of Madison and Jefferson County.

Brunch with the Bunny for Jane’s Kids

River Terrace Health Campus, 120 Presbyterian Ave., 4th Floor on Saturday, April 12, 9-11 a.m.

A brunch and visit with the Easter Bunny fundraiser benefitting the Jane’s Kids non-profit supporting area youth. Food for children and adults, an opportunity for kids to have their picture taken with the Easter Bunny and live bunnies from area 4-H club members to see and hold. Tickets \$5 for children, \$10 adults available at the door or at River Valley Resources in the Clearing House, 100 E. Second St., Madison.

Disability Resource Fair

Hanover Park, 200 Spruce Lane, Hanover on Saturday, April 26, 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The 2nd annual Hanover Disability Resource & More Fair will be held at the park with kids activities, free lunch by Kindness Jefferson County, prizes and an opportunity to meet with agencies and resources in support of those with disabilities, illnesses and addictions. For more info contact jennndavid0705@gmail.com.

ACTIVITIES

Free Movie

Hanover Baptist Church, 3894 West SR 56, Hanover on Sunday, April 13, 5 p.m.

Free movie night showing “The Forge,” a film by the Kendrick Brothers.

Rummage Sale

St. John’s United Church of Christ, 408 East St., Madison on Saturday, April 5, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Sunday, April 6, from 12-3 p.m.

Spring rummage sale including snacks, baked sale items and drinks available.

Hanover Easter Egg Hunt

Hanover Community Park, 200 Spruce Lane, Hanover, on Saturday, April 12, 11 a.m.

The event will include a visit by the Easter Bunny and giveaways.

BLOOD DRIVES

Brushy Fork Baptist Church

12840 North Brushy Fork

Church Road, Canaan on Tuesday, April 15, 1-6 p.m.

Jefferson County Public Library

420 West Main St., Madison on Thursday, April 17, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Appointment times may be scheduled before arriving at the Library by calling 800-733-2767, going to redcrossblood.org, or downloading the Blood Donor App.

FOOD DISTRIBUTIONS Salvation Army Food Bank

Located at 331 East Main St. on Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays 12-1 p.m.

A food giveaway at the red door on east side of building. Bring your own bags.

For more information, call 812-265-2157.

House of Hope Food Pantry

Located at 100 East 2nd St., Madison on Tuesdays from 5-7 p.m. and Fridays from 9-11 a.m.

A food giveaway and distribution at the Jefferson County House of Hope Food Pantry in downtown Madison. Please arrive at the pantry 15 minutes prior to closing to be served.

CLOTHING DISTRIBUTIONS Jesus Clothes Closet

Trinity United Methodist Church at 412 W. Main St., Madison on Mondays, 9-11 a.m.

Jesus Clothes Closet distributes free clothing to those in need. For more information, call 812-866-4843.

SENIOR EVENTS

Hanover Senior Citizens Center

Exercising: The Hanover Senior Citizens Program is offering free exercising at the Hanover Park Community Center on Mondays and Thursdays, 10 a.m.

Lunch: The Hanover Senior Citizens Program is serving lunch at noon on Fridays at the Hanover Park Community Center.

Cost is \$5 and RSVP is required by calling 812-498-2894.

Madison Senior Citizens Center

Senior Meals: Lifetime Resources will be providing congregate meals at the Madison Senior Center, 208

West Main St. on Tuesday and Thursdays from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Meals are free for anyone over age 60 with a suggested donation of \$6. Meals are \$6 for anyone under age 60.

Game Days: The Madison Senior Citizens Center hosts weekly card days and Bingo at the Senior Citizens Center in downtown Madison.

The schedule includes Euchre on Mondays and Thursdays from noon until 10 games are completed and Bingo on Tuesday, 10-11:30 a.m.

The games are free and open to senior citizens.

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Free **Seminar on ...**
Medicaid/Nursing Home
Perimeters, Elder Law
& Estate Planning
Saturday, April 19, 2025 (10 a.m.)

Morgan & Nay Hanover Chapel
278 E. Main St. Hanover, IN



For the 5th consecutive year, Long-Term/Nursing Home, Elder Law & Estate Planning Attorney Lora Mount of Columbus, IN will head the session, a community service of Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre.

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Funeral Centre
812-265-5577



To accommodate seating and preparation of materials, reservations are necessary.

Reservation Deadline – Tuesday, April 15, 2025

THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane

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“He stabbed her to make her stop singing.”

BIL AND JEFF KEANE

DENNIS THE MENACE

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“YA KNOW, FISHIN’ IS A LOT MORE FUN IF YOU CATCH SOME, DAD.”

ARCTIC CIRCLE

SCIENTISTS HAVE USED DRONES TO CHASE BEARS AWAY.

IT HASN'T WORKED WITH FRANK.

MAYBE THEY SHOULDN'T CHASE HIM AWAY...

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BIZARRO

I'll have an alcohol-free beer.

I'll need to see some fake ID.

Wayne & Piro 4-4-25

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BEETLE BAILEY

REMEMBER, IF YOU'RE CAPTURED, YOU ONLY HAVE TO GIVE YOUR NAME, RANK AND NUMBER

WHY?

TO SEND A NOTE TO OUR PARENTS?

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RHYMES WITH ORANGE

THE SLIDESHOW

Matchmakers sure have changed.

...AND THAT'S THE ALGORITHM THAT BROUGHT US TOGETHER.

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BLONDIE

CAN I TAKE YOUR ORDER?

YES, PLEASE

DO YOU RECOMMEND ANYTHING?

SOMETHING REAL FAST...IT'S ALMOST CLOSING TIME!

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CURTIS

ANYTHING YOU WANT ME TO DO, MOM?

YES, CURTIS, YOU CAN TAKE OUT THE GARBAGE, RUN TO THE CORNER STORE AND GET TWO TOMATOES, MOZZARELLA AND SOME DINNER ROLLS...

THEN CHECK IN OUR MAILBOX ON YOUR WAY BACK

I WAS BEING POLITE. I WAS HOPING YOU'D SAY "NO"

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HI & LOIS

WHY DO YOU READ GOLF MAGAZINES BEFORE YOU GO TO SLEEP?

IT HELPS ME PLAY BETTER IN MY DREAMS.

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PARDON MY PLANET

WELL, TO BE HONEST - IF YOU CAN'T SAY ANYTHING NICE ABOUT SOMEONE, IT DOESN'T MEAN THEY'RE A BAD PERSON.

SPEECH THERAPY

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ZITS

I THINK I'LL HAVE THAT LAST PIECE OF APPLE PIE.

TOO LATE.

I ATE IT DURING THE LAST COMMERCIAL.

CRISIS COUNSELING?

FOR WHAT?

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DUMPLINGS

COACH, IT'S SO MUDDY OUT HERE, WE CAN'T EVEN TELL WHERE THE BALL IS.

JUST LOOK FOR A MUDDY LUMP!

EEK!

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HAGAR THE HORRIBLE

MERLIN THE MAGICIAN IS A CLOSE FRIEND OF MINE. HE COULD GIVE YOU LEGS!

CHANGE CAN BE GOOD!

WHY ARE YOU STARING AT MY CHIN?

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SIX CHIX

AND THEN HE SAID, "WE SHOULD TOTALLY HANG OUT SOMETIME!"

...AND THAT'S HOW I KNEW... I'D NEVER SEE HIM AGAIN.

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BARNEY GOOGLE AND SNUFFY SMITH

T'DAY FER ART CLASS JEST GO AHEAD AN' DRAW WHATEVER YA WANT !!

S'CUSE ME, SAMANTHY JANE--WHAR YA GOIN' ?

HOME !!

GONNA DRAW ME A NICE HOT BUBBLE BATH !!

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SALLY FORTH

MOM, AM I A BAD FRIEND?

WHAT'S GOING ON, HIL?

SEE? I SAY THAT AND YOU ASK ME A FOLLOW-UP QUESTION. BUT WHEN NONA SAID SHE WAS WORRIED, I DISMISSED IT. I DIDN'T HEAR HER OUT LIKE YOU DID WITH ME. YOU'RE A GOOD LISTENER, MOM.

BY THE WAY, I COMPLIMENTED YOU HARD JUST NOW.

OH, DON'T THINK THAT'S NOT GOING INTO A SPECIAL VAULT IN THE MEMORY BANK.

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DUSTIN

I WONDER IF TONIGHT IS GOING TO TURN INTO THE STORY OF HOW OUR RELATIONSHIP STARTED.

I HAVE TO WARN YOU I'M A SHALLOW PERSON WHO ONLY DATES A MAN FOR HIS MONEY.

SO THIS IS GOING TO BE A SHORT STORY.

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MUTTS

MOOCH! EARL! I'M BACK!

BACK!?! I THOUGHT YOU WERE JUST SHTAYING IN YOUR HOUSE ALL WINTER.

BIRDS DON'T STAY IN HOUSES! FOR THE COLD WINTER WE GO SOUTH TO WARM TROPICAL BEACHES!

WHA...

HOW COME WE DIDN'T THINK OF THAT!?!

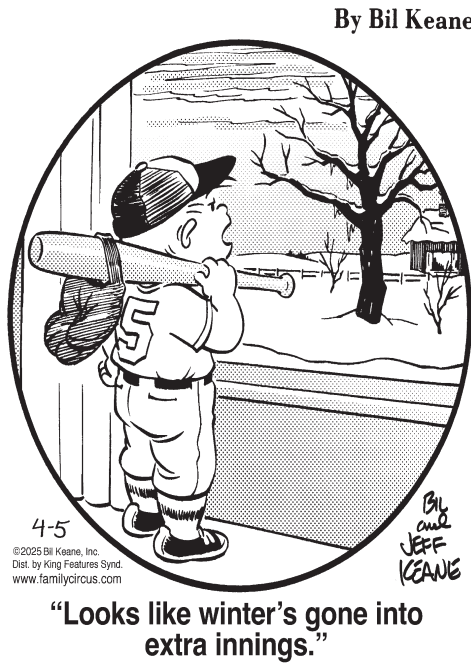
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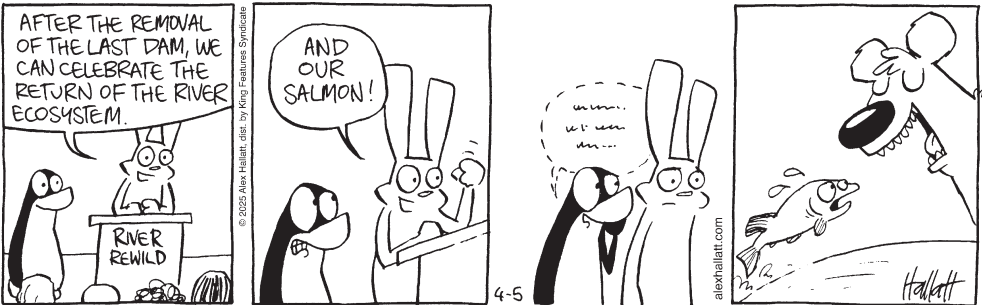
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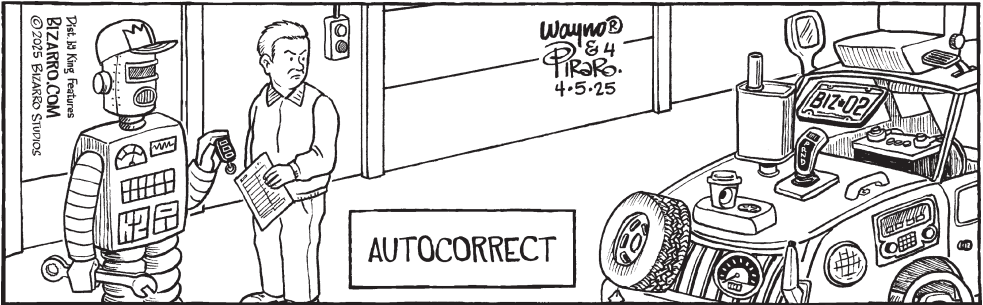
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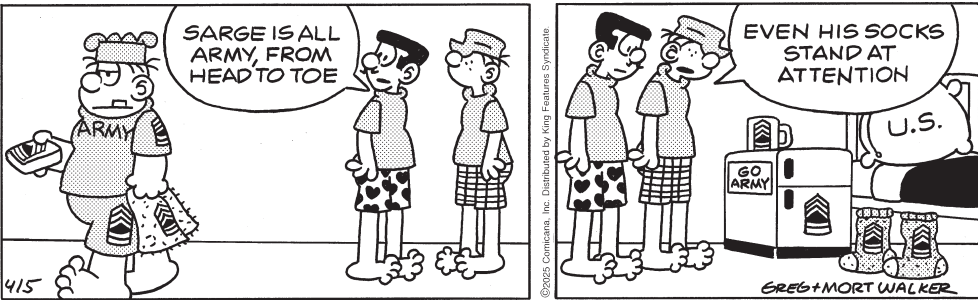
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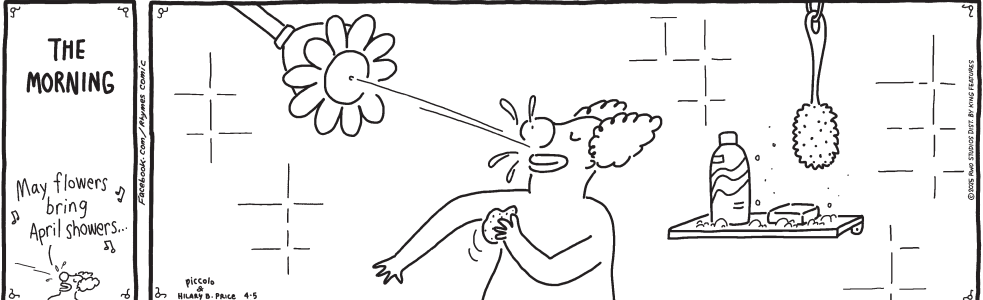
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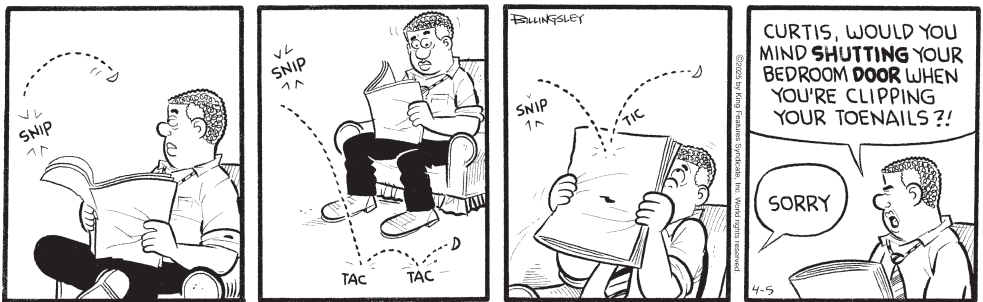
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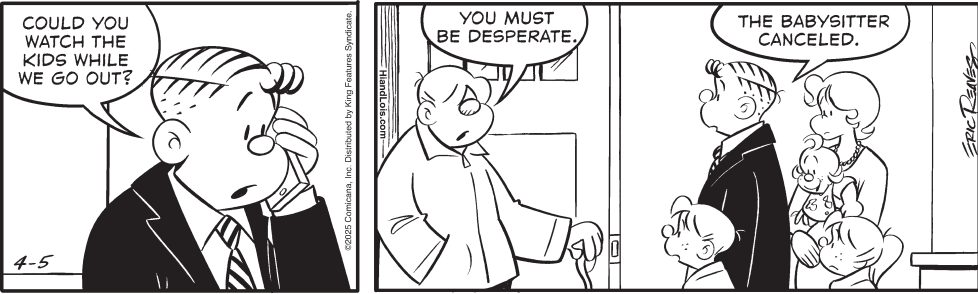
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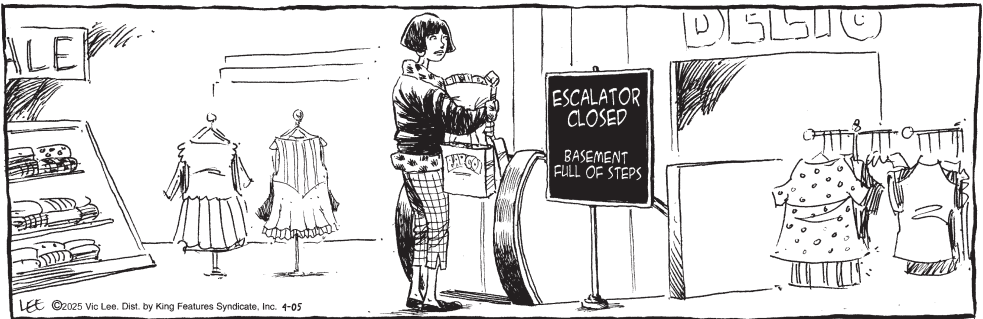
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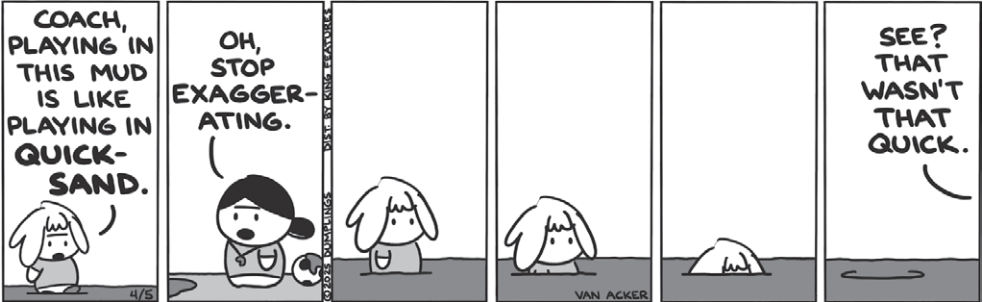
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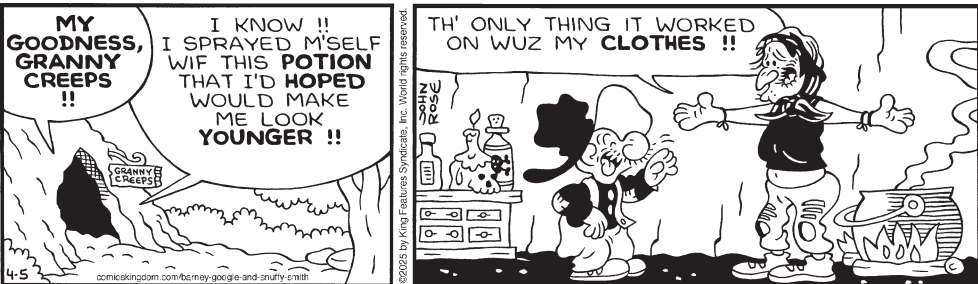
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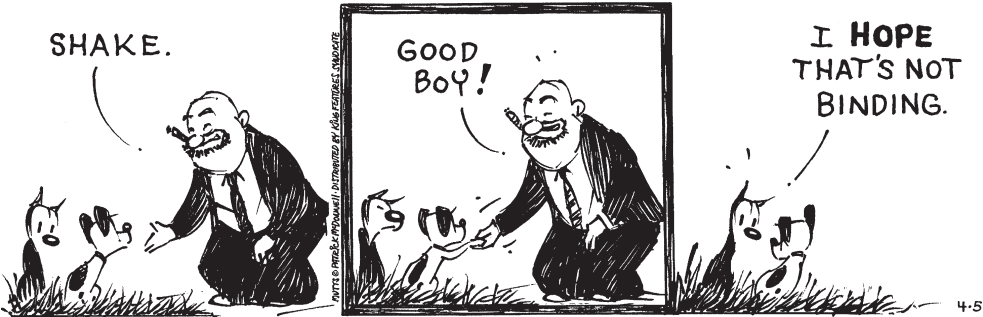
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Hanover ponders how to staff building and zoning

BY BOB DEMAREE

Staffing for the town of Hanover’s building and zoning office was a topic of discussion at Hanover Town Council’s meeting Tuesday.

For approximately nine months last year, Don Williams served as the town’s building inspector/ordinance officer before resigning in October due to back surgery requiring a long recovery.

With the arrival of spring weather, Council President Debbie Kroger and Vice President Treva Shelton emphasized the need of a code enforcement officer to ensure the monitoring and enforcement of city regulations on grass in yards and junk collection. “This time of year if we don’t hire somebody and keep them on top of things, it’s not going to be good,” Kroger said.

Shelton said the town needs “someone to knock on the door and say, clean up this place, or we’re going to send you letter,” leading to the potential of a fine.

In the few months since Williams resigned, Superintendent of Streets and Utilities Scott Williams has been working with Shelton to handle building and zoning matters. Shelton said they can continue to do, but she that a separate person is needed to watch over nuisance violations.

Council member Ben Sommer, however, emphasized the need for a building inspector and zoning enforcement but not necessarily a ordinance officer. I want to focus on somebody to look at the houses and make sure they’re being built right,” he said.

Clerk-Treasurer Coby Cloud said the town has \$11,400 budgeted this

year for a building inspector and \$11,370 budgeted for an enforcement officer. That amount would be inadequate to pay for a full-time position with benefits, but Sommer said with a building inspector, you “don’t need a full-time guy to do it.”

Chip Snyder, director of community relations for Hanover College, who was attending the meeting, suggested the possibility of hiring a building inspector on an on-call basis to only perform the building inspector duties when needed.

Kroger said the town has a job description for a building and zoning position, and asked the other council members to review that to determine how they want to define the position.

The town recently hired Jacobi, Toombs and Lanz (JTL) to address the town’s planning and zoning in connection with its Comprehensive Plan. The work will involve addressing the town’s building and zoning fees that Shelton said is much needed. “For what people pay for the copies” at the town hall, “we don’t even cover our Xeroxing,” Shelton said. “Our fees have not been raised forever but that’s what this firm is doing for us. They are comparing us to other some towns” to establish building and zoning fees that make sense for Hanover in today’s world.

Shelton noted there has been one town resident who has been fined three times for nuisance violations, and paid the fines three times. Kroger noted that a higher fine for repeat offenses might be needed to better motivate the property owner to finally address the violation. “We can make it so it’s not so easy,” so

they will say, “Hey, I don’t want to pay \$500 every time. I want to clean up.”

IN OTHER BUSINESS

- Public hearings on a stormwater fee and new water rates are tentatively planned for the Tuesday, May 6 meeting. The town is moving towards creating a stormwater utility and requiring a stormwater fee, a necessity if the town is to receive grant funding to address stormwater problem areas. At a recent meeting, it was indicated the town is leaning towards a \$5 per household monthly fee and \$1 per Equivalent Resident Unit (ERU) per business. The change in the water rates is due to Kent Water Company last year increasing the town’s wholesale rate for purchasing water. Baker Tilly Municipal Advisors recently complete at rate study to provide the town council guidance on what the new rates should be.

- Proposed moving towards creating an occasional town newsletter to be coordinated by town council member Jane Stormer to update residents on town issues and activities, a topic that began with wanting to ensure residents know about the new water rates, the stormwater fee and the town’s work with Hanover College on the College and Community Collaboration grant.

- Approved payment of \$1,300 to Wessler Engineering for work on the town’s slip-lining project from contingency money left from the town’s recent sewer project.

- Approved writing off old finalized water, sewer and trash accounts totaling \$1,203.67.

Southwestern OKs mowing contract Agreement comes after adding termination clause

BY BOB DEMAREE

Southwestern Jefferson County School Corporation received 14 bids for lawn care services and awarded the contract to Mac Site Management at Monday’s school board meeting.

The board had tabled awarding the contract at its February meeting because it wanted language in the contract that allows termination if dissatisfied with performance. The contract now states it is effect for calendar year 2025 and 2026 unless the school board decides “work is unsatisfactory or all requirements of this contract are not completed.”

The contract provides for “mowing, trimming and edging of all Southwestern Schools campus grounds including baseball and softball fields” with the work to be done once per week.

Mac Site Management’s bid was for \$775 weekly.

IN OTHER BUSINESS, THE BOARD

- Approved updating language in the classified handbook and fringe benefit infor-

mation that states contracted bus drivers will receive incentive pay of \$200 per quarter during the year for driving without any absences of any kind.

- Approved the retirement of Danette Bohman as High-Ability coordinator for the school district after 27 years at Southwestern. The board also approved the resignation of Sarah Horn as third grade teacher and Waylon Couch was approved for the position of Corporation Custodial Supervisor after previously serving as head custodian at the middle and high schools.

- Approved transferring \$123,959.14 from the Rainy Day fund to Special Ed Cooperative Services related to teacher salaries for the Madison Education Special Services and \$48,149.54 from the Rainy Day fund to the Common School Construction Fund for monies the state did not reimburse. Approved a \$500,000 transfer from the education fund to the operations fund, action that’s regularly taken each calendar year.

BZA

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“The biggest issue for us, we cannot get back there safely” if there’s fire because it’s not satisfactory enough for the fire trucks, Smith said.

After Simons carved out 5.83 acres of the property to build a home, the 44.548 acres was separated into two deeds with the remaining 38.72 acres for a campground with nine total camp sites planned.

Simons said the sites were initially planned as cabins, but now there is one cabin and six recreational vehicle slots — four of which look like cabins but are park model RVs, a home-like recreational vehicle, described as built to RV standards but with a focus on semi-permanent lodging — with the two other slots vacant but with water, sewer and electrical hookups.

Of the original proposed nine campsites, Simons said, “We still don’t have two of them developed, and we may never develop those.”

Houchens expressed concern that Simons has failed to meet state regulations and Rykers Ridge Water Company bylaws. He said the State of Indiana requires 10 feet of separation between water lines and sewer lines, but

With a large pond on the property, Sam Simons said fire departments could use that to access water for a potential fire and that he would be willing to purchase a pump and donate it to the fire departments to service the property. Smith said that’s not an option: “We can’t get a truck down there to pump out of it. You can only lift water so high. There’s too much elevation down there.” To better utilize the pond’s water, Smith said a road would need to be constructed “to the pond where we can get down to it safely.”

there is currently 4 to 5 feet of separation.

He also said a 2-inch water line is required for the site but what currently exists there is one-inch line. “We told him exactly what we needed him to do (at a water board meeting), and he didn’t like what we told him ... so he just got up and walked out,” Houchens noted.

With Simons now holding separate deeds on the property — one for the campground and the other for the property with the house — Roger Ward, president of the Rykers Ridge Water Company, said each property needs to have its own water meter. “There needs to be a minimum of two meters — one for you and one for your entity,” Ward said.

Smith said the entrance to the campground property off Old State Road 62 is not adequate for fire trucks and that a utility pole next to the gravel road has guy-wires that

could interfere with fire trucks. He measured 14 feet to the guy-wire and 15 feet to the utility pole. “If there’s a fire back there, we’ve got four trucks” — two from Madison Township and two from Rykers Ridge that are 30-feet-long, and possibly more if more local units are called to assist. “It’s simply too tight of space with a road that can’t be widened because of the telephone pole and the guy-wires. “The biggest issue for us is we cannot get back there safely.”

Simons said he created a circular turnaround because one was requested by the fire department since otherwise trucks would have to back out of the lane when leaving the property. However, Smith said he measured the turnaround at 12 feet wide, which is inadequate for the trucks to turn around. “You could not get a 30-foot-long fire truck around that circle, not handily,” he said, stat-

ing it would take maneuvering.

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“I’m willing to work with whatever agencies, fire or water ... I want to be sure that these different entities that have rules and regulations are provided to me ... I certainly am willing to comply, specifically with those,” Simons said.

“If I were just to tear this campground down, and do nothing more, would you provide fire service to my residence?” Simons asked Smith.

Smith said the fire departments will always respond to fires but emphasized it’s important for the campground to address their concerns and make that response as safe and convenient as possible. “We’ve never turned anybody down” when there’s a fire. “What

I’m saying is we should be able to safely do our job that we are doing for free.”

John Muessel, who owns land adjacent to the campground, had expressed opposition to the project when the conditional use was approved in 2021, providing at that time a petition with signatures of 144 neighboring residents who were opposed. He reminded the BZA Tuesday, that the application was granted in 2021 after Simons pledged to be a “good neighbor” and “comply with all these regulations and things posed on him.”

“You’ve already heard from these other entities that he hasn’t done that,” Muessel noted Tuesday. “He starts down a path and starts to do things, then he goes backwards and tries to solve them to get by.” Now, he’s created a campground that there is “not good water supply, there’s not fire protections, roads are inadequate to get to it, all things raised in the beginning.”

Muessel said Simons was also supposed to meet with his neighbors and mark property lines for boundaries so that campground guests would not be go hiking onto the property of the neighbors, a fact Simons stated as confirmed by the minutes of that Sept. 7, 2021 meeting when the

conditional use permit was granted. “He hasn’t done that,” said Muessel.

Simons asked BZA Attorney Patrick Magrath if he could withdraw the current special exception application, transfer ownership back to his personal name and have the application revert back to the previously approved conditional use.

“Your conditional use permit remains in effect unless and until this board determines if there is evidence that you’ve violated the terms and conditions of conditional use permit, then it can be rescinded,” Magrath said.

Simons repeated the question, pressing for approval to revert to the 2021 conditional use, but Magrath stated that his answer was the same. “In order to rescind the conditional use permit then it would be up to this board to have a hearing as to whether or not the terms have been violated,” the BZA attorney said.

In the end, the BZA opted to table a decision. “It needs to come to an end but a lot of this drawn up tonight we weren’t aware of,” said BZA board member Fred Stilwell. “I think we need a motion to table it, and see what they can iron out before the next meeting.”

The next BZA meeting is 5 p.m. on Tuesday, May 6.

DOW

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If Trump follows through on his tariffs, stock prices may need to fall much more than 10% from their all-time high in order to reflect the global recession that could follow, along with the hit to profits that U.S. companies could take. The S&P 500 is now down slightly more than 11% from its record set in February.

“Markets may actually be underreacting, especially if these rates turn out to be final, given the potential knock-on effects to global consumption and trade,” said Sean Sun, portfolio manager at Thornburg Investment Management, though he sees Trump’s announcement on Wednesday as more of an opening move than an endpoint for policy.

One wild card is that the Fed-

eral Reserve could cut interest rates in order to support the economy. That’s what it had been doing late last year before pausing in 2025. Lower interest rates help by making it easier for U.S. companies and households to borrow and spend.

Yields on Treasuries tumbled in part on rising expectations for coming cuts to rates, along with general fear about the health of the U.S. economy. The yield on the 10-year Treasury fell to 4.02% from 4.20% late Wednesday and from roughly 4.80% in January. That’s a huge move for the bond market.

The Fed may have less freedom to move than it would like, though. While lower rates can goose the economy, they can also push upward on inflation. And worries are already worsening about that because of tariffs, with U.S. households in particular bracing for sharp increases in their bills.

The economy at the moment

is still growing, of course. A report on Thursday said fewer U.S. workers applied for unemployment benefits last week. Economist had been expecting to see an uptick in joblessness, and a relatively solid job market has been the linchpin keeping the economy out of recession.

A separate report said activity for U.S. transportation, finance and other businesses in the services industry grew last month. But the growth was weaker than expected, and businesses gave a mixed picture of how they see conditions playing out.

One business told the survey by the Institute for Supply Management that its restaurant sales and traffic have improved, for example. But another said tariffs on wood imported from Canada and the “resulting delays have caused havoc with the supply chain and deliveries.” A third in the construction industry said it’s “starting to

see effect of aluminum tariff. These costs will be passed on to customers.”

Worries about possible stagflation knocked down all kinds of stocks, leading to drops for four out of every five that make up the S&P 500.

Best Buy fell 15.1% because the electronics that it sells are made all over the world. United Airlines lost 13.1% because customers worried about the global economy may not fly as much for business or feel comfortable enough to take vacations. Target tumbled 11.8% amid worries that its customers, already squeezed by still-high inflation, may be under even more stress.

In stock markets abroad, indexes fell sharply worldwide. France’s CAC 40 dropped 3.4%, and Germany’s DAX lost 2.9% in Europe.

Japan’s Nikkei 225 dropped 2.8%, Hong Kong’s Hang Seng lost 1.5% and South Korea’s Kospi dropped 0.8%.

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Madison Parks Board considering golf range at former city landfill

Facility could ease overcrowding at Sunrise Golf Course

BY BOB DEMAREE

Youth golf is creating late afternoon overcrowding at Sunrise Golf Course on weekdays members of the Madison Parks Board were told at Wednesday’s meeting and the local golf pro has proposed developing the city’s former landfill into a driving range to take some pressure off the course.

Sunrise Golf Pro Roger Gallatin said the idea of turning the landfill into a golf driving range was developed by Lussier Golf Design of Holly Springs, North Carolina, a golf course architect contracted last year by the Parks Board.

“One of their suggestions is that it was a suitable piece of property for a driving range distance wise,” said Gallatin, adding there’s “not a whole lot” otherwise that the land can be used.

Gallatin said the cost to operate a driving range would be “pretty low overhead for the most part. Once you have your initial investment, you can run with a skeleton crew and self-service ... It’s something that’s much needed.”

Board member Jake Shockley, a local golf coach, said the possibility of converting the landfill into a driving range is “something we really need to investigate as soon as possible.” He said a range would provide a place for junior and senior high school golfers, which teams are seeing greater numbers, to work on their game without contributing to the overcrowding at Sunrise particularly between 3 p.m. and 4 p.m. after school.

“We donate a lot of golf (for the junior golfers) but it’s come to the point where we don’t have enough practice space on the putting greens,” said Gallatin.

There are a few other golfing options in Jefferson County but they don’t provide the service or terms of service to junior and senior high school golfers that Sunrise Golf Course provides.

“This whole issue is something that is new to me,” said Gallatin, who was previously golf pro at Hickory Sticks Golf Club in northern Kentucky for 13 years before being hired as Sunrise golf pro in 2021. “My previous course we had several other courses to kind of share the junior golf and high school. It wasn’t that big of issue but here we’re the only game in town. I want to promote it, but it’s been challenging. It’s a good problem. We have more people than we have golf course to practice in.”

Gallatin thinks developing the landfill as a driving range could address that need, and continue to encourage youths and others to pursue golf. A driving range “can bring golfers out to try golf before they are thrown out on the golf course,” he said.

In other discussions, Gallatin said 45 new golf carts for Sunrise Golf Course have arrived and are being leased from Midwest Golf Turf to replace 33 older carts owned by the city. The older carts were sold for \$39,600 to the leasing company with sales proceeds going towards paying off the parks department’s \$575,000 debt.

Gallatin said the lease allows cart repairs to be done by the leasing company. “That eliminates a lot of man hours of using our mechanic in maintenance” for doing that work. “I’m tickled to death to have the new carts and am excited to get them in full use,” he said.

Gallatin said the golf course had \$19,825 in rev-

enue in March, better than his projected \$18,209, and that was with two weekends fully rained out.

He said in March there were 1,159 rounds of golf played with only 40% of that as season pass rounds so the remaining 60% were daily greens fees players.

In other business:

- Tanya Burnette, director of operations for the Parks Department, said female Department of Corrections inmates who had previously worked through the city’s street department now have shifted to work under the Parks Department to do mowing at all city parks, cleaning along the riverfront and other tasks. She said they recently cleaned the pool at Crystal Beach Aquatic Center which was a difficult project. “I want to publicly thank them for all the work they do for us. They do a phenomenal amount of work and have great attitudes, and do whatever is asked. They are polite and friendly.”

- Introduced Linda Lee as the new Parks Department secretary, replacing Kim Eaglin who is retiring May 2 after nine years in that role. Lee begins work April 14 to provide time for training with Eaglin before she retires. The position is becoming a 30-hour per week part-time position, rather than full-time as it is currently.

- Announced the retirement of Kenny Roberts as custodian at the Brown Gym and the Senior Center, effective March 28. The duties will be filled with Department of Corrections workers.

- Announced a hiring fair for student employees April 12 from noon to 3 p.m. at the Brown Gym. Burnette said nearly 30 lifeguards have already been hired for this summer at the Crystal Beach Aquatic Center.

- Fields are being prepared for summer leagues at Rucker Sports Complex, John Paul Park and Kiwanis Park. Burnette said the new dugouts at John Paul Park have been completed.

- Riverview Campground, the city’s campground near the foot of Ferry Street, opened for the season April 1, but closed Wednesday due to anticipated flooding from this week’s heavy rains. Reservations scheduled for this week were canceled and refunded.

- The launch for the Parks Department’s new software with Rec Technologies will be April 15, replacing RecDesk. Burnette said the new software will simplify record-keeping for the parks department and is more user-friendly for the public. “Hopefully we’ll make everybody’s job easier on both ends,” said Parks Board President Carla Krebs.

- Based on enrollment, Burnette said the youth leagues are projecting six to seven T-ball teams this summer.

- Opening day for the Crystal Beach Aquatic Center will be Friday, May 23, with weekday hours through June 8 from noon to 6 p.m. and weekend hours 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. From June 9 to Sept. 1, hours will be noon to 6 p.m. on weekdays and 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. on weekends. Programming beginning June 9 will be 8 a.m. to noon and 6-8 p.m.

CCMH names Liter interim CEO

BY PAXTON MEDIA GROUP

Carroll County Memorial Hospital (CCMH) has announced that the hospital’s current Director of Nursing, Dr. Jennifer Liter, has been named Interim CEO.

Dr. Liter’s history with CCMH is one of dedication and service. She first stepped into CCMH at age 14 as a volunteer candy striper and later worked as a Medical Assistant in the Rural Health Clinic. During her nursing education, she gained hands-on experience in the lab and transcription departments, followed by serving as a Med/Surg nurse after earning her LPN Diploma.

Her passion for healthcare led her beyond Carroll County, where she earned a Doctor of Nursing Practice from Rush University and amassed more than 20 years of experience in hospital operations, patient safety, and healthcare education. Throughout her career, she has held key leadership positions, including Vice President and Chief Nursing Officer at Norton King’s Daughters’ Health, Director of Inpatient Services at Clark Memorial Hospital, and Nurse Manager at Norton Brownsboro Hospital. Dr. Liter returned to CCMH in May 2023, as Director of Nursing, bringing that experience back to the place where her career in healthcare began. She has also taught in multiple nursing and healthcare administration programs and helped to educate future generations of healthcare professionals.

According to a statement issued by the hospital, the

CCMH Board of Directors is confident in Dr. Liter’s ability to lead the hospital and work collaboratively with staff to ensure stability and continued progress.

“We are confident that Jennifer will work with the Board to effectively lead the Hospital while we all work together to find a new, permanent CEO to lead the Hospital into the future,” said the Board of Directors. “We are confident in our staff’s ability to effectively serve the health needs of our community, and ask that all staff work together with our interim CEO to accomplish our shared mission.”

Liter is excited to step into her new leadership role and continue her commitment to CCMH and the Carroll County community, bringing her extensive background in healthcare administration, patient care, and education developed over a career dedicated to improving hospital operations and ensuring quality healthcare delivery. With her leadership experience and deep-rooted connection to CCMH, she feels well-equipped to guide the hospital through this important transition.

“I am honored to serve as Interim CEO at CCMH, a hospital that played such a significant role in my professional development,” she said. “I am proud to be part of a team that is dedicated to caring for this community — for those I graduated with, their families, and so many familiar faces. My parents are here, my friends are here, and my CCMH family is here. Great things are happening at CCMH, and I am grateful to be part of it.”



Dr. Jennifer Liter

586 youth signed up for Hanover Parks baseball and softball leagues

BY THE COURIER STAFF

Sign-ups for Hanover Parks Department’s baseball and softball youth leagues is currently at 586, well above last year’s record 547 total.

Parks Director Scott Davidson said at Tuesday’s Parks Board meeting that workouts have been taking place this week. Teams will be drafted soon followed by team practices and opening day is set for Monday, May 19.

There was a March 26 deadline for registration, which guarantees a roster spot, but applications are continuing to be taken. Davidson said the purpose of our deadline is to determine how many teams per league and how many coaches needed and how many spots are available. Team rosters go up to 12.

Davidson anticipates at least 55 teams this year, up from 49 last year. So far,

he has collected \$12,950 in donations. Colin Toler presented a check at the meeting for \$5,600 from the Hanover Coed Softball League for the parks department to use for youth sports equipment and other programming needs.

The Hanover Easter Egg hunt will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, April 12, at the park and include an visit by the Easter Bunny.

Former VP will receive Profile in Courage Award from JFK Library

BY JONATHAN J. COOPER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Former Vice President Mike Pence will receive the John F. Kennedy Profile in Courage Award for his refusal to go along with President Donald Trump’s efforts to remain in office after losing the 2020 election, Kennedy’s family announced Thursday.

The award recognizes Pence “for putting his life and career on the line to ensure the constitutional transfer of presidential power on Jan. 6, 2021,” the JFK Library Foundation said.

Trump pressured Pence to reject election results from swing states where the Republican president falsely claimed the vote was marred by fraud. Pence refused, saying he lacked such authority.

When a mob of Trump supporters stormed the Capitol, some chanted that they wanted to “hang Mike Pence.” Pence was whisked

away by Secret Service agents, narrowly avoiding a confrontation with the rioters.

“Mike Pence didn’t have the courage to do what should have been done to protect our Country and our Constitution, giving States a chance to certify a corrected set of facts, not the fraudulent or inaccurate ones which they were asked to previously certify,” Trump wrote at the time on X, formerly Twitter, as rioters moved through the Capitol and Pence was in hiding with his family, aides and security detail inside the building.

Pence rejected the Secret Service’s advice that he leave the Capitol, staying to continue the ceremonial election certification of Democrat Joe Biden’s presidential election victory once rioters were cleared.

Two years ago, Pence said Trump’s “reckless words endangered my family.”

The Profile in Courage Award, named for a book Kennedy published in 1957, before he became president, honors public officials who take principled stands despite the potential political or personal consequences.

“His decision is an example of President Kennedy’s belief that an act of political courage can change the course of history,” Caroline Kennedy and Jack Schlossberg, JFK’s daughter and grandson, said in a statement.

Pence said in a statement that he’s “deeply humbled and honored” to get the award.

“I have been inspired by the life and words of President John F. Kennedy since my youth and am honored to join the company of so many distinguished Americans who have received this recognition in the past,” Pence said.

The award will be presented on May 4 at the JFK library in Boston.

Finding a Purpose in Retirement



Stephen Dybwad “Layin’ it on the line”

By Stephen Dybwad
Retirement Planning/
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Retirement marks a significant transition in life, offering a unique opportunity to explore new avenues and discover a renewed sense of purpose. While leaving the workforce can initially seem daunting or uncertain, many retirees find this phase of life to be incredibly fulfilling by identifying and pursuing meaningful activities that bring joy, satisfaction, and a sense of purpose.

One common approach to finding purpose in retirement is by exploring long-held passions and interests. Many individuals have hobbies or activities that they may not have had sufficient time to fully explore during their working years. Retirement provides the freedom to delve deeper into these pursuits, whether it’s painting, gardening, playing a musical instrument, or learning a new language. Engaging in activities that bring personal fulfillment can provide a sense of purpose and contribute to overall happiness in retirement.

Volunteering is another powerful way to discover purpose in retirement.

Giving back to the community through volunteer work not only benefits others but also offers a sense of purpose and fulfillment. There are numerous opportunities for retirees to volunteer, such as tutoring students, assisting at local food banks or animal shelters, or joining community organizations. Volunteering provides a sense of contribution and connection, fostering a meaningful retirement experience. Furthering education and lifelong learning can also be a pathway to purpose in retirement. Many retirees choose to take classes or pursue certifications in subjects that interest them, whether it’s history, literature, technology, or fitness. Lifelong learning not only keeps the mind sharp but also opens up new avenues for personal growth and self-discovery. Engaging in educational pursuits can provide a renewed sense of purpose and curiosity in retirement.

For those seeking a deeper sense of meaning, spiritual and personal growth activities can offer profound fulfillment in retirement. This might involve exploring meditation, yoga, or participating in religious or spiritual communities. Connecting with one’s inner self and exploring existential questions can lead to a deeper sense of purpose and contentment during retirement.

Maintaining social connections and fostering relationships with loved ones is crucial for finding purpose in retirement. Retirement often provides more time to spend with family and friends, strengthening bonds and creating meaningful experiences together. Whether it’s organizing regular gatherings, joining social clubs, or participating in group activities, nurturing relationships can provide a sense of belonging and purpose in retirement.

Additionally, some retirees find purpose in pursuing part-time work or starting a small business. This allows them to stay engaged professionally while having more flexibility and autonomy. Part-time work

can provide structure, social interaction, and a sense of accomplishment, especially for those who enjoy staying active and productive during retirement. Ultimately, finding purpose in retirement is a personal journey that requires introspection, exploration, and a willingness to embrace new experiences. It’s essential for retirees to take the time to reflect on their values, interests, and aspirations to identify activities that bring meaning and fulfillment to their lives. By embracing this new chapter with an open mind and a sense of curiosity, retirees can discover a sense of purpose that enriches their retirement years and enhances overall well-being.

In conclusion, retirement offers a unique opportunity to redefine one’s sense of purpose and fulfillment. Whether through exploring hobbies, volunteering, continuing education, spiritual growth, maintaining social connections, or pursuing part-time work, retirees can discover meaningful activities that bring joy, satisfaction, and a renewed sense of purpose to their lives. By embracing this new phase of life with enthusiasm and intentionality, retirees can create a fulfilling and purpose-driven retirement experience.

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Work continued Tuesday on a small structure replacement project on U.S. 421 near Bellevue just a short distance from Grandview Memorial Gardens cemetery.

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Sidney Nierman, public relations director for INDOT Southeast, said the repair work will include constructing a soil nail wall, which will help stabilize the area by reinforcing the ground and roadway surface to prevent further sloping along State Road 56.

Approval for the retaining wall was issued Monday to the Indiana Department of Transportation by Amanda McCollum, Division of Water from the Indiana Department of Natural Resources, allowing the construction on the south side of State Road 56 within the Ohio River floodway. The retaining wall will be 324 feet long and 12 feet high. The project will include the replacement of the pavement and guardrails. An existing 36-foot corrugated metal pipe will be replaced with a 4-foot by 3-foot reinforced concrete box culvert outside of the floodway.

Meanwhile, Nierman reported the U.S. 421 closure located just north of State Road 250 in Jefferson County remains on-track to reopen by late April, weather permitting.

The small structure replacement project was contracted to 5 Star Company Inc. for \$1.5 million. Nierman said work crews have successfully placed the box culvert structure and are now working to complete roadway surface work over the box structure as well as a punch list items, prior to reopening.



Photos by Bob Demaree

A small structure replacement project on U.S. 421, 3 miles north of the intersection with State Road 250, has necessitated closure of the road since March 24. The project is near Bellevue just a short distance from Grandview Memorial Gardens cemetery.



Left: The U.S. 421 closure, located just north of State Road 250, remains on-track to reopen by late April. Contractors have successfully placed the box culvert structure and are now working to complete roadway surface work over the structure.

The crowd at last year's inaugural Food & Music Pop Up at 522 West Street in downtown Madison. The next pop up is scheduled for 2-7 p.m. on Saturday, April 5.

Charlie Rohlfing photoa



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"This is of course a family-friendly event, and there were a lot of kids last time we did it, all having a great time. People just kept asking, When are you going to do this again? So we know there's a lot of interest and energy around it. We encourage everyone to come out and enjoy some of the best music and food Madison has to offer."

I'd be remiss if I didn't mention one other Todd Boone-directed venture that is coming up in early May, the annual Madison Music Movement Derby Party at Richwood on the River. This all-day event is the main fundraiser for

M3, and it's also the undisputed best party of the season. One ticket price includes all day food, drinks, live music, dancing and horse racing action on the big screen TVs. Tickets are available at MadTixEvents.com, and I am personally asking everyone to join us for the party. You'll have an amazing time, and you'll be supporting the live music scene in Madison. Hope to see you there!

HOT TIP OF THE WEEK

I had someone say to me recently, "You know, the opening of Mad Paddle Brewery, TimelessLIVE and Vintage Lanes is a game changer for Madison." And when I think about it, I have to agree. The addition of these large, multi-room, tourist friendly night spots

really changes the equation for anyone looking for a fun, music-filled weekend getaway. Sure, we have multiple smaller bar venues, and each add their own unique charm to the mix. But these larger options just make the scene all the more attractive. Speaking of which, if you haven't been to the newly opened TimelessLIVE, this weekend is a great, low-cost opportunity. The cover charge for Friday and Saturday will be just \$5, and that will include all the game rooms, the bars and the music hall. Go check it out!

Charlie Rohlfing is a retired advertising man and partner in The Red Bicycle Hall music venue. Look for his distinctive fedora bobbing above the crowd, anywhere live local music is happening.

MUSIC EVENTS SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, APRIL 4

- **Rivertown Grill:** B.A. Blues Band (9 p.m. to 1 a.m.)
- **Riverboat Inn:** Hippie Fingers
- **First Street Country Saloon:** No Name Band
- **Timeless LIVE!** Dylan West (7 p.m.)
- **Mad Paddle Brewstillery:** JD Chappell & Strange Brew (7-11 p.m.)
- **Tailgators:** Karaoke w/DJ Jerm (9 p.m. to 1 a.m.)
- **The Central:** Liquor Boxx (9 p.m. to 1 a.m.)

SATURDAY, APRIL 5

- **1st Street Country Saloon:** DJ Nate
- **Rivertown Grill:** Karaoke (9 p.m. to 1 a.m.)
- **Mad Paddle Brewstillery:** Ron Poston the Canyon Wolf Band (8 p.m. to Midnight)
- **Timeless Live:** The Stella Vees (7 p.m.)
- **Thomas Family Winery:** Jimmy Davis the Blues (8 p.m.)
- **The Central:** Vaguely Familiar (9 p.m. to 1 a.m.)
- **Tailgators:** Jordan Wilson Band (9 p.m. to 1 a.m.)

SUNDAY, APRIL 6

- **Rivertown Grill:** BD 32 (7-10 p.m.)

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HS SOFTBALL ROUNDUP:

Trimble rolls to 3rd-straight All ‘A’ title

BY THE COURIER STAFF
Trimble County gutted out an 8-7 win over Walton-Verona in the semifinals then blasted Gallatin County 15-0 to win the All “A” Classic Eighth Region softball championship Wednesday in Williamstown.

Trimble scored three runs in the bottom of the seventh inning to seize the win over Walton-Verona on Tuesday in Eminence.

Trailing 7-5, Hannah Chilton got the Raider

rally started with a one-out double and then scored on Jaelynn Holbrook’s triple. Alana Washington then singled in Holbrook to knot the game and Savannah Oldson won it with an RBI ground ball to shortstop that was errored.

Holbrook went 3-for-4 with a triple, Chilton had two doubles and an RBI, Washington had two hits and Jocie Stucker had a double. Chilton also got the win in the circle with

1-2/3 innings of relief allowing a run on two hits. No such drama was needed on Wednesday as Trimble belted out 11 hits to hammer Gallatin 15-0 and win the title.

Oldson hit an inside-the-park grand slam, added a double, had six RBIs and two runs scored in an impressive performance that earned her tournament most valuable player honors. Washington was 3-for-3 with a double, an

RBI and three runs scored, Lily Truman was 2-for-3 with a double and two RBIs, and Jayleigh Willis had a single, a double and an RBI.

Alyssa Ritchie picked up the win with three scoreless innings in the circle.

The All “A” Classic State Finals will begin on April 26 in Owensboro, Kentucky. In the meantime, the Raiders, now 6-2 on the season, will take a week off for spring break before

playing at Carroll County on Tuesday, April 15.

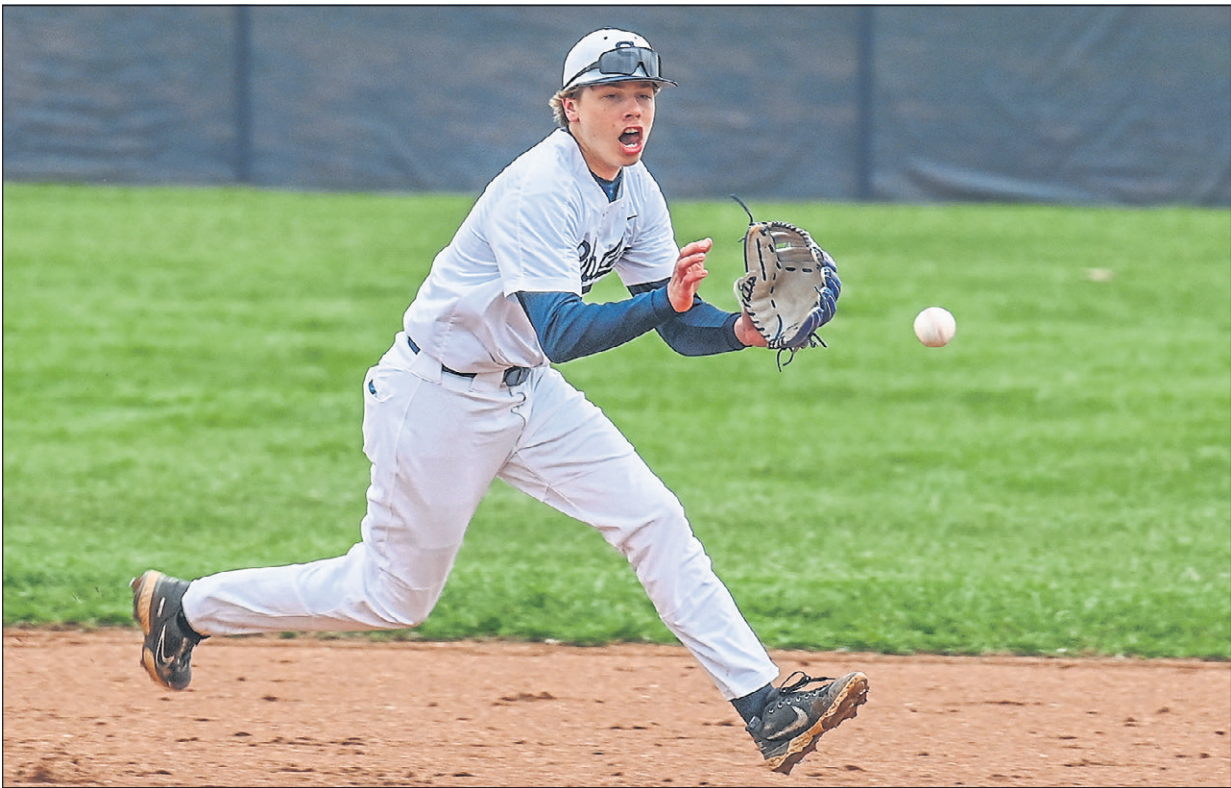
REBELS SHUT OUT MUSTANGS
Chloey Leach fired a two-hit shutout to lead Southwestern to a 10-0 win over New Washington at home in softball on Tuesday.

Leach struck out seven and walked only one while pitching six innings. She also had a hit, an RBI and scored two runs.

Lily Fox went 3-for-3 with three RBIs and a run, Nataley Morrison had a triple and an RBI, Rorie Scroggins had two hits, an RBI and two runs, Jenna Owens had a hit and two RBIs and Riley Crawford had a hit and an RBI.

Southwestern, now 1-1 on the season, travels to Henryville on Friday and hosts Lawrenceburg on Saturday. The Rebels then host Rock Creek next Wednesday.

HS BASEBALL ROUNDUP:



Southwestern shortstop Jeter Chatham fields a ground ball during the Rebels’ season-opening win over Henryville on Monday.

David Campbell

Traylor fires no-hitter as Rebels win opener

BY THE COURIER STAFF
Senior Adam Traylor struck out nine and walked just two while tossing a five-inning no-hitter to lead Southwestern to a 15-0 win over Henryville in the Rebels’ season opener on a chilly Monday in Hanover.

Both of Traylor’s walks came early before he heated up and got into a groove. The lefty threw 75 pitches including 50 for strikes.

Overall, Southwestern had 10 hits and scored 14 runs in the third inning to blow open the game. Tryson Warren went 3-for-3 with a double, three RBIs and two runs scored to lead the Rebels. Traylor was 2-for-3 with two RBIs and three runs scored, Andrew Varble had a double, two RBIs and two runs, and Braxton Lewis had a double.

The Rebels didn’t fare as well on Tuesday, falling 9-1 at Charlestown.

Southwestern committed four errors in the game leading to five unearned runs. Austin Jenkins had two hits and scored a run, Varble had a double and Jeter Chatham

and Jackson Powell each had a hit. Warren suffered the loss despite striking out six batters in 3-2/3 innings. Warren allowed three earned runs on five hits.

Southwestern, now 1-1 on the season, was scheduled to host Austin on Thursday and host Roncalli and Rivet on Saturday. The Rebels then host Class A No. 5 Hauser on Monday.

MADISON OPENS SEASON WITH WIN
Madison scored three runs in the top of the sixth inning to beat North Harrison 11-8 in the Cubs’ season opener Tuesday on the road.

Madison had 12 hits in the game with five different players recording multi-hit games. Garrett Deuser went 2-for-4 with a double, a triple and two RBIs; Elliot Kozenski was 2-for-6 with a double, two RBIs and three runs; Nick Johnson was 2-for-3 with a double and an RBI; Abe Reetz had two hits and an RBI; Bodie Heckler had two hits and scored a run; and Bodie Harsin had

two RBIs and scored a run. Harsin struck out 11 in four scoreless innings, allowing just one hit, to get the win.

Madison, now 1-0 on the season, hosted South Central on Thursday and heads to Jeffersonville on Saturday. The Cubs then host Greensburg on Tuesday.

PACERS BEAT CARROLL
Switzerland County picked up a 10-6 win at Carroll County in the Pacers’ season opener on Wednesday.

Switzerland had 11 hits in the game. Jackson Sparks was 2-for-2 with a home run, a double, two RBIs and three runs scored. Cooper Todd was 3-for-5 with a double and two RBIs; Mason Peelman had two hits, an RBI and two runs; Brian Jones had a double; and Roman Hite had a hit and two RBIs.

Zayne Smith got the win after allowing three runs on five hits in four innings with six strikeouts.

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LOCAL SPORTS CALENDAR

- FRIDAY, APRIL 4**
BASEBALL
Hanover College at Rose-Hulman, 7 p.m.
SOFTBALL
Southwestern at Henryville, 5 p.m.
Madison at Bedford North Lawrence, 6 p.m.
TENNIS
Madison girls host Greensburg, 5 p.m.
- SATURDAY, APRIL 5**
BASEBALL
Madison at Jeffersonville, 10 a.m.
Southwestern hosts Roncalli, Rivet at Hanover College, 11 a.m.
Trimble Co. hosts Frankfort Christian, 11 a.m.
Shawe at Assumption, noon
Switzerland Co. hosts Southwestern (Shelby), noon
Hanover College at Rose-Hulman, 1 p.m. (DH)
GOLF
Madison boys, Seymour Invite, 9 a.m.
LACROSSE
Hanover College men hosts Franciscan, 1 p.m.
Hanover College women host Spalding, 4 p.m.
SOFTBALL
Carroll Co. hosts Collins, 10 a.m.
Southwestern hosts North Decatur, Lawrenceburg, 10 a.m.
Madison at East Central, 11 a.m.
Switzerland Co. at Brown Co., 11 a.m.
Hanover College at Earlham, 1 p.m. (DH)
VOLLEYBALL
Madison boys host Shelbyville, 11 a.m.
- SUNDAY, APRIL 6**
GOLF
Hanover College women at French Lick Classic, 10 a.m.
- MONDAY, APRIL 7**
BASEBALL
Carroll Co. hosts Dayton, 5:30 p.m.
Shawe at Rock Creek, 5:30 p.m.
Southwestern hosts Hauser, 5:30 p.m.
GOLF
Hanover College women at French Lick Classic, 10 a.m.
SOFTBALL
Madison hosts Seymour, 5:30 p.m.
Switzerland Co. hosts South Dearborn, 5:30 p.m.
TENNIS
Hanover College men hosts Oakland City, 4 p.m.
Southwestern girls at Silver Creek, 5 p.m.
VOLLEYBALL
Madison boys at Brownstown, 5:30 p.m.
- TUESDAY, APRIL 8**
BASEBALL
Carroll Co. hosts Pendleton Co., 5:30 p.m.
Madison hosts Greensburg, 5:30 p.m.
Switzerland Co. at Austin, 6 p.m.
GOLF
Southwestern boys at Seymour, 4:45 p.m.
SOFTBALL
Carroll Co. hosts Madison, 5:30 p.m.
TENNIS
Shawe girls at New Washington, 5 p.m.
TRACK & FIELD
Switzerland Co. hosts Southwestern, Milan, 5 p.m.
Shawe at New Washington, 5:30 p.m.
VOLLEYBALL
Madison boys at Scottsburg, 6:30 p.m.

HS VOLLEYBALL ROUNDUP:

Southwestern falls to Jeff in season opener

BY THE COURIER STAFF
Southwestern boys volleyball opened the season with a 3-0 loss at home to Jeffersonville on Tuesday.

The Rebels, fielding just the minimum of six players, battled but lost 25-7, 25-13, 25-6.

Christian Kiley hadv five kills and three digs for the Rebels; Julio Moreno had two kills, two aces and five digs; Coltin Schafer had a kill, an ace and two digs; and Angel Hernandez-Perez had eight assists.

Southwestern, now 0-1 on the season, returns to action on Wednesday, April 16, at home against Jennings County.

MADISON OPENS WITH 2 WINS
Madison boys volleyball opened the season with wins over Jennings County and Silver Creek earlier this week.

On Monday, the Cubs swept past Jennings County 25-4, 25-15, 25-11 and on Tuesday, Madison rallied a five-set win over Silver Creek, 21-25, 23-25, 25-17, 25-15, 15-13.

Madison, now 2-0, hosted Floyd Central on Thursday, hosts Shelbyville on Saturday, heads to Brownstown on Monday and travels to Scottsburg on Tuesday.



Southwestern’s Coltin Schafer (17) attempts to block a hit by Jeffersonville’s Tre-Sean Simpson (19) during the boys volleyball game at Southwestern on Tuesday.

David Campbell



Southwestern’s Christian Kiley (8) attempts a hit against Jeffersonville’s Micah Cabbell (1) during Tuesday’s match at Southwestern.

David Campbell

HANOVER ROUNDUP:

Panthers baseball falls at Spalding

BY THE COURIER STAFF
Hanover baseball suffered a 15-6 loss at Spalding University on Wednesday. Josh Simpson had three hits and an RBI for the Panthers, Sam Perkins was

2-for-4 with a double and an RBI, Jake Danneman had two hits and two RBIs, Evan Baute had two hits and an RBI, and Trevor Jones had two hits. Will Rodriguez allowed

seven earned runs on nine hits in 3-2/3 innings and took the loss. Hanover, now 8-14 on the season, travels to Rose-Hulman for two games on Sunday and one on Monday.

MEN'S LACROSSE FALLS TO TRANSY
Hanover men's lacrosse dropped a 22-7 decision at home to Transylvania on Wednesday. Colin O'Brien had four

goals and an assist for the Panthers. Scott Dues had a goal and an assist, and Alex Kleinhelter and Owen Parker each had a goal. Lance Guttormson had 26 saves in goal.

Hanover, now 7-3 overall and 0-1 in the Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference, hosts Franciscan (Ohio) on Saturday and heads to Anderson next Wednesday.

Duke chases title as recruits eye prep crown

BY TIM REYNOLDS
AP BASKETBALL WRITER
MIAMI — Cameron and Cayden Boozer have one goal this week. They want to win the biggest trophy that has eluded them throughout their careers at Miami powerhouse Christopher Columbus High.

“Got to win nationals,” Cameron said. This time next year, one might think he'll be saying exactly the same thing at the college level.

The Duke-bound twin sons of longtime NBA forward Carlos Boozer have a national championship in mind this week — the high school version — while the school at which they'll be enrolling in a couple months is favored to win the NCAA title at the Final Four that starts Saturday.

The Boozer twins are essentially a reminder that whether presumed No. 1 draft pick Cooper Flagg leaves Duke for the NBA as many expect or not, the Blue Devils will be loaded again next season with the consensus top high school recruiting class in the country and likely right back in the national-title picture.

Duke is winning this year while playing a ton of freshmen. It'll likely have to follow the same formula next year.

“Age is just a number,” Duke coach Jon Scheyer said. “And obviously it's different to have three freshmen starting. (In the regional final) we played five freshmen on a team that's going to a Final Four. I think for our program, we've always thought about doing things differently.”

That recruiting class is led by Cameron Boozer, the now two-time Gatorade national player of the year. He won it two years ago as a sophomore. The winner last year — that would be Flagg, a top contender for college player of the year this year. And now that Flagg is in college, the best-high-school-player trophy is Boozer's once again.

“His game is already elite,” said Miami Heat forward

Kevin Love, himself a former Gatorade player of the year who surprised Cameron Boozer with the trophy in a ceremony at Columbus High last week.

Cameron Boozer, a 6-foot-10 power forward, is averaging 22.6 points, 12 rebounds, 3.1 assists, 1.9 steals and 1.4 blocks through 30 games this season — during which he and his brother, a 6-foot-4 point guard, led Columbus to a 27-3 record and fourth consecutive Florida state title.

“He's one of the best leaders I've ever met,” Cayden Boozer said of his twin brother. “I'm a little bit more shy when you when you first meet me, but I open my shell once I get to know people. And he's one of the funniest guys I know. Very goofy.”

The Boozer twins were recruited by basically everybody at the Division I level, but Duke — where Carlos Boozer played for three seasons under coach Mike Krzyzewski — wasn't a lock to get them. Miami pushed hard for the twins, and some experts actually expected them to sign with the Hurricanes before the Blue Devils wound up winning the commitment in October.

It should be noted that the twins weren't a recruiting package deal. Things just worked out that way.

“We never really discussed even if we wanted to (go to school together) until basically the end,” Cayden Boozer said. “We were just going through it by ourselves, seeing what school was the best fit for both of us as individuals. Then when it came down to the wire, we were like, ‘Do we want to do this together? Yeah, I think we should.’ So, obviously, we're able to go to the same school together, which is an amazing feeling.”

The national high school tournament, now called the Chipotle Nationals, brings together 10 boys teams and four girls teams. It starts Wednesday and runs through the two championship games on Saturday in Fishers, Indiana, near Indianapolis.

There's no shortage of well-known programs in the

tournament. Montverde Academy and IMG Academy from Florida have both their boys and girls teams in the fields. The boys field also includes Link Academy of Missouri, Long Island Lutheran of New York, Brewster Academy of New Hampshire, CIA Bella Vista of Arizona, Prolific Prep of California, Wasatch Academy of Utah and Dynamic Prep of Texas. The girls field, along with the two Florida schools, includes Westtown School of Pennsylvania and Faith Family Academy of Texas.

Some of the names are instantly recognizable: Carmelo Anthony's Syracuse-bound son Kiyan Anthony plays for Long Island Lutheran, Dynamic Prep is coached (and the school was founded) by former NBA All-Star Jermaine O'Neal, and Heat assistant coach Malik Allen has his sons Dante and Kayden at Montverde.

But plenty of eyeballs will be on the Boozer twins, and rightly so. That's been the case for years and they handle it with ease.

“I still haven't reached any of my dreams,” Cayden Boozer said. “We've been able to win at the high school level, but I still haven't gone to college. And only the 1% are able to make it to the NBA. So, I'm just pushing myself to chase my dreams because this is just the beginning of what I really want to do. Having that in mind allows me to be able to push myself.”

They both have pushed plenty. They didn't become blue-chip recruits because of the family name. They earned the trip to where they're at.

“The thing about expectation is other people's expectations don't really matter,” Cameron Boozer said. “You kind of have to focus on the game and be present in every game. If you always are focusing on the outside noise and who's saying this, who's saying that and who expects this and that, you're never going to have good games. Just go out there and think about basketball.”

Broome's health a Final Four key but Auburn more than 1-man team

BY CHARLES ODUM
ASSOCIATED PRESS
Johni Broome's performance in the NCAA Tournament's Sweet 16 and Elite Eight showed why he's one of the nation's top players.

Auburn's play without Broome showed why the Tigers are more than a one-man team. That's especially important as Auburn hopes to have a healthy Broome against Florida in Saturday's Final Four showdown in San Antonio of Southeastern Conference teams.

Broome gave Auburn a major scare when he took a fall in the second half of Sunday's 70-64 victory over Michigan State and headed to the locker room. The 6-foot-10 forward's right arm was hanging by his side as he left the court, giving reason to wonder if the Tigers' championship hopes had been crushed.

After being given clearance by the team's medical staff, Broome returned to sink a 3-pointer, grab a rebound and finish the South Region final with 25 points and 14 rebounds.

Just as important as Broome's return was the Tigers' play without him. When Broome left with 10:37 remaining, Auburn led

50-40. The lead was 57-46 when he made his return with 5:29 remaining.

“When Johni was out, we hung in there,” said Auburn coach Bruce Pearl. “We made it difficult for Michigan State to score.”

Pearl said he remained confident even before knowing Broome would return because center Dylan Cardwell and back-up Chaney Johnson provide quality depth on the front line.

“When Johni went out, I immediately thought about Chaney and Dylan, and neither of them went into foul trouble,” Pearl said. “I knew that we were going to be fine there.”

Broome, a two-time Associated Press All-America and this season's SEC Player of the Year, is the biggest reason Auburn (32-5) has set a school record for wins.

“Johni Broome stepped up again,” Pearl said after Sunday's win. “Just keep doubting him, and keep thinking that he's not going to be able to get to another gear. ... You talk about delivering again at the biggest moments.”

Auburn already proved in the South Regional it also boasts scoring depth.

Broome was only one of three

20-point scorers for the Tigers in their 78-65 Sweet 16 win over Michigan on Friday night. Tahaad Pettiford and Denver Jones each scored 20 points while Broome took the lead as usual with 22 points and 16 rebounds.

Broome said despite the double-double he didn't feel he played well. When asked how he would rate his performance against Michigan State, Broome said he played “All right.”

“I mean, we won, so I'm happy we're still in this,” Broome said. “All glory to God again for allowing me to be healthy.”

Auburn will need inside and scoring depth against Florida. The Tigers took a 90-81 win at Auburn on Feb. 8. Florida reached the Final Four by beating Texas Tech 84-79 in the West Region final.

“I mean, Florida has a great team,” Johnson said. “They were good enough to beat us at home, so we've just got to go game by game. It's another team in the way of us getting to the national championship. So we've just got to continue putting our head down, continue staying humble, continue staying hungry. Just go out there and play with great effort and great energy.”

Houston defense thrives on bringing out the ugly in opponents

BY MICHAEL MAROT
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INDIANAPOLIS — The Houston Cougars like mixing it up.

They enjoy seeing opponents colliding, sprawled across the floor. They thrive on rebounding and have used the relentlessly hard-nosed defense that has become their trademark during coach Kelvin Sampson's 11-year career to take them places once considered unthinkable.

It's why they're now considered one of the country's most successful, consistent teams annually — and why they're one of four teams still playing Saturday in March Madness.

“That's what we do,” Midwest Region Most Outstanding Player Emanuel Sharp said after Sunday's 69-50 win over Tennessee. “We're a great defensive team and that's how we like to set the tone of the game, on the defensive end. I think when we come out with the right intensity, we're a hard team to beat.”

The Cougars (34-4) certainly haven't lost much this season.

Their 17-game winning streak is the longest in Division I, they swept the Big 12 regular season and conference tournament titles and now they've reached the Final Four for the first time since losing to 2021 national champion Baylor in a March Madness that will always be remembered as the tournament played in the Indiana COVID-19 bubble.

That loss came in a national semifinal, where the Cougars are 2-4 all-time. They'll face five-time national champion Duke in San Antonio, a 3 1/2-hour drive from their campus, as they try to reach their first title game since back-to-back runner-up finishes in 1983 and 1984.

“We didn't get good the last 36 hours,” Sampson said when asked about Houston's quick turnaround between the Sweet 16 and Elite Eight. “We just went through the Big 12 Tournament, played three games there. The thing I like about this team, I don't think they overreact to anything, good or bad. Kind of keep an even keel.”

Perhaps that explains why the Cougars didn't even flinch after the 62-60 late-night, last-second win over Purdue in the Sweet 16 and facing the Vols in the Elite Eight.

How stingy have the Cougars been? After allowing a Division I low 58.3 points during the regular season, Houston has allowed just 56.5 points in four NCAA Tournament games

while allowing just one team, Gonzaga, to top 60 points. They also allowed the lowest scoring totals last weekend — twice.

Tennessee missed its first 14 3-pointers, shot a dismal 28.8% from the field and despite playing well defensively against Kentucky simply couldn't match the Cougars toughness.

“They do what they do,” deflated Vols coach Rick Barnes said in his opening statement after the loss. “That's why they're where they are, that's the standard of their program.”

Yet in a college basketball era where faster, higher-scoring games seem to be all the rage, this Final Four seems to be all about the defense.

Duke swarmed Alabama's 3-point shooters, holding the Crimson Tide nearly 40 points below their previous game's scoring total to win the East Region title. Florida's defense spurred a late run to get past Texas Tech in the West Region and South Region champ Auburn is allowing just 65 points per game in the tourney.

But nobody has done it better than Houston, and that's by design.

Sharp, who is 6-foot-3, 210 pounds, and LJ Cryer, at 6-1, 200, may not look like the most imposing backcourt but they revel in getting physical. Plus, Cryer comes with a championship pedigree, part of Baylor's title team.

Houston forwards Ja'Vier Francis, J'Wan Roberts and Joseph Tugler stand 6-8, not nearly as big as some of the other frontline beasts in San Antonio, but they are experienced, tough and muscle bound.

The inside-out defensive combination has made Houston almost unbeatable. Since starting the season at 3-4, they've gone 30-1 and broken the school's single-season victory record.

“We're able to do some things that may be outside the box, whether it's spending extra time on baseline out of bounds plays, we spend a lot of time on that, offensively and defensively,” Sampson said. “We take pride on not being scored on in baseline out of bounds. If you watch (Tennessee) when they beat Auburn or beat Alabama, they played a certain way. But we play the way we play and our kids are very confident in our approach and our defense.”

And now Sampson will find out if that defense is good enough to carry him to his first championship game in three Final Four trips — or bring Houston its elusive first title.

Gators have knack for clawing back from deficits at crunch time

BY MARK LONG
ASSOCIATED PRESS

GAINESVILLE, Fla. — Beware: these Gators bite, especially when they feel threatened.

Florida, which has shown a knack for wearing down opponents all season, has become the ultimate closer in the NCAA Tournament. Late-game rallies against two-time defending national champion UConn in the second round and against Texas Tech in the Elite Eight have the Gators (34-4) believing that no hole is too deep for this gritty group.

Coach Todd Golden pointed to confidence and maturity as the keys to his team's penchant for comebacks. He also joked that having All-American guard Walter Clayton Jr. on the floor makes a huge difference.

“It's our ability to not get too high or too low,” Golden said Tuesday.

Golden clearly would prefer to have his team get off to a better start when it faces fellow Southeastern Conference foe Auburn (32-5) — the Gators won their first meeting in February —

to open the Final Four in San Antonio on Saturday. But he's seen enough to know there's no reason to panic if Florida falls behind.

After all, these Gators have looked fairly harmless for the first 20, 30 or even 35 minutes of games before attacking with a frenzy.

Just ask UConn or Texas Tech. Or Alabama, Georgia, LSU and South Carolina. The Gators overcame daunting deficits against all of them.

“Undying belief,” Clayton said. “It goes to show how together we all are. Many times (we) could easily just break, start pointing the finger, blaming each other for this and that. But we just stayed together through the end and stayed the course.”

None of Florida's rallies have been as impressive as its latest one. The Gators trailed Texas Tech 71-61 with 5:30 to play when Clayton took over. The senior made three 3-pointers, a layup and two free throws down the stretch. He also dished out

De La Cruz’s leads Reds to 14-3 rout of Rangers

Homers twice in 4 hits for career-high 7 RBIs

CINCINNATI — Elly De La Cruz had a single, double and two home runs for a career-high seven RBIs, Brady Singer pitched seven scoreless innings in his Cincinnati debut, and the Reds routed the Texas Rangers 14-3 on Monday night.

Singer, who was acquired in November from the Kansas City Royals, became the first Reds pitcher with seven-plus scoreless innings in a debut since Tom Seaver on June 18, 1977, against Montreal. The 28-year-old right-hander struck out eight, walked two and allowed one hit.

De La Cruz hit a three-run home run to center for a 6-0 lead in the second inning. It was his first homer of the season. He added a two-run shot in the seventh.

The Reds (2-2) batted around in the sixth to double their lead to 12-0. The 14 runs were Cincinnati’s most since a 19-2 victory over St. Louis on Sept. 29, 2023.

Rookie Kumar Rocke allowed six earned runs in three innings for Texas (3-2). Jake Burger hit his first home run for the Rangers in the ninth.



AP Photo/Kareem Elgazzar

Cincinnati Reds’ Elly De La Cruz (44) is congratulated in the dugout by Matt McLain, right, after hitting a two-run home run in the seventh inning of a baseball game Monday, March 31, 2025, in Cincinnati. The Reds routed the Texas Rangers 14-3.

Cincinnati first baseman Christian Encarnacion-Strand was hit by a pitch on the wrist in the sixth. He stayed in the dugout for the seventh.

Rangers 1, Reds 0 (Tuesday)

CINCINNATI — Nathan Eovaldi pitched a four-hitter for the majors’ first complete game of the season, and the Texas Rangers beat the Cincinnati Reds 1-0 on Tuesday night.

Eovaldi struck out eight and walked none in his fifth career complete game. The right-hander threw 99 pitches, 70 for strikes.

It was Eovaldi’s first shut-out since April 29, 2023, against the Yankees and No. 3 for his career.

Wyatt Langford homered for Texas in the first against

Carson Spiers (0-1).

Cincinnati collected 14 hits in a 14-3 victory in the series opener, but Eovaldi (1-0) was dominant.

The Reds put the tying run on second with two out in the ninth, but Eovaldi retired Elly De La Cruz on a grounder to first.

Eovaldi retired his first 12 batters, including five straight strikeouts during one stretch. Gavin Lux hit a leadoff single in the fifth for Cincinnati’s first baserunner.

Spiers allowed three hits in six innings in his season debut. He struck out five and walked two.

Rangers 1, Reds 0 (Wednesday)

CINCINNATI — Jack Leiter shut the Cincinnati Reds down for the second

game in a row on Wednesday and the Texas Rangers won 1-0 to take the three-game series.

The Rangers were outscored 14-5 in the three games but still won the series.

Leiter (2-0) retired the first 11 Reds batters until Elly De La Cruz doubled. He left after the fifth inning with a blister on his pitching hand but still tied his career-high with six strikeouts.

Josh Smith’s two-out double in the fourth inning scored Joc Pederson with the first run of the game off Hunter Greene (0-1), who allowed one run in seven innings on two hits. Smith started the season without a hit in his first eight at bats but had two in the final two games of the series.

Greene struck out Jake Burger for the 500th strikeout of his career.

De La Cruz made a highlight-worthy catch of a foul ball down the left field line in the eighth inning. He was positioned for a left-handed hitter.

Jacob Webb, Robert Garcia, Chris Martin and Luke Jackson, who earned his third save, backed up Leiter with four scoreless innings.

The Reds had the tying run on in the ninth but for the second straight game, De La Cruz grounded out to end the game.

Betting favorite UConn joins 3 top seeds at Final Four

South Carolina, UCLA, Texas round out field

BY DOUG FEINBERG
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BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — The women’s Final Four is full of star players, top seeds and historic programs.

There will be no Cinderellas in Tampa, Florida, this week with No. 1 seeds South Carolina, UCLA and Texas in the national semifinals. They are joined by the betting favorite to win it all, second-seeded UConn, which has been playing the best of any team over the past month and knocked off a top-seeded Southern California team that was missing its best player.

Coach Dawn Staley and the defending champion Gamecocks are making their fifth straight trip to the Final Four and are two victories away from becoming the first to repeat since UConn won four straight from 2013-16.

South Carolina will face Southeastern Conference foe Texas for the fourth time this season in one semifinal Friday night. UConn will play UCLA in the other.

The Huskies are back in the Final Four for the second straight year and a record 24th time overall, and star Paige Bueckers is looking to bring coach Geno Auriemma his 12th title and first since that four-peat.

Top overall seed UCLA is playing in the Final Four of the women’s NCAA Tournament for the first time. The Bruins won a national title in 1978 in the pre-NCAA era of women’s basketball, led by Ann Meyers Drysdale, and returned to the Final Four the next year.

That success hadn’t carried over to the NCAA before this season.

No program has been to the Final Four more than Auriemma’s Huskies, who had a record run of 14 consecutive Final Four appearances snapped in 2023. Their 11 national titles are the most of any team.

Here’s a look at the matchups:

SOUTH CAROLINA VS. TEXAS

The teams split two regular-season meetings, winning on their home courts. The Gamecocks took the rubber match, winning the SEC Tournament title by 17 points. The Gamecocks have won three titles in the past eight years, but this year’s squad has been tested in the postseason. They won both games in the Birmingham Regional by four points, topping Maryland and Duke.

In their victories over Texas this season, the Gamecocks held the Longhorns under 30% shooting. In South Carolina’s loss, Texas shot 44%.

“Ton of experiences to draw from and learn from,” Texas coach Vic Schaefer said. “Got to learn and be different. That’s the thing about their team, Dawn’s teams. You know you’ll get the same from them that you try to impart on others too. They are going to be tough, aggressive, physical. If you don’t bring an edge with you at the fight it won’t be much fun.”

There’s plenty of star power on both teams with Rori Harmon and Madison Booker leading Texas while Joyce Edwards, Chloe Kitts and MiLaysia Fulwiley are the top players for the Gamecocks.

Texas is in the Final Four for the first time since 2003. Schaefer became the fifth coach to take at least two teams to the Final Four, joining Marianne Stanley, Gary Blair and Kim Mulkey. C. Vivian Stringer took three schools to the national semifinals. Schaefer led Mississippi State to the championship games in 2017 and 2018.

UConn VS. UCLA

The Bruins have a dominant post player in 6-foot-7 Lauren Betts who has been unstoppable in the tournament. She had consecutive 30-point, 10-rebound games in the second round and the Sweet 16. She played through foul trouble in the Elite Eight and finished with 17 points, seven rebounds and six blocks.

UConn will have to figure out a way to slow her down. While Betts has been dominant, no player has been better than Bueckers, who’s clearly driven to conclude her incredible college career with a national championship.

She’s had a bit of help with the stellar play of Azzi Fudd and freshman Sarah Strong, who has put together one of the best seasons for a first-year player in school history.

Haliburton pushes playoff-bound Pacers past Hornets 119-105

BY MICHAEL MAROT
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INDIANAPOLIS — Tyrese Haliburton had 22 points and 10 assists, Aaron Nesmith scored 16 points and Pascal Siakam added 15 on his 31st birthday, leading the Indiana Pacers to a 119-105 victory over the Charlotte Hornets on Wednesday night.

The playoff-bound Pacers have won three of four and eight of 10. They clinched their second straight playoff spot Tuesday when Atlanta lost to Portland. Myles Turner also had 15 points and nine rebounds.

Miles Bridges scored 18 points to lead Charlotte, which has lost six of seven. Seth Curry and Mark Williams each scored 16 points and Williams had 12 rebounds.

Indiana controlled almost the entire game after making seven

3-pointers in the first quarter.

Charlotte cut the deficit to four midway through the second, watched Indiana extend the margin to 64-49 early in the third and then charged back within one at 68-67. But Indiana closed the third on a 19-6 run to pull away and the Hornets never really got close again.

TAKEAWAYS

Hornets: Charlotte gave Indiana problems in the teams’ two previous matchups this season, but this is a very different team than the one the Hornets faced in November and December. And it showed.

Pacers: Indiana, meanwhile, continued its hot shooting and strong regular-season finish. The Pacers started the day in position to earn home-court advantage in the first

round for the first time since 2014 and delivered again with the stakes high.

KEY MOMENT

A Hornets turnover led to a bounce pass alley-oop from Haliburton to Obi Toppin, giving Indiana an 81-71 lead and bringing the crowd to its feet. The Pacers only allowed one more basket in the quarter as they built an 87-73 cushion.

KEY STAT

Charlotte had 18 turnovers, compared with six for Indiana, and the Pacers took full advantage by outscoring the Hornets 29-4 in points off turnovers.

UP NEXT

Indiana hosts Utah on Friday.

UConn’s Bueckers, Auriemma share mutual respect heading into Final Four

BY ANNE M. PETERSON
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SPOKANE, Wash. — Following UConn’s victory over Southern California that sent the Huskies to the Final Four, Paige Bueckers and coach Geno Auriemma huddled over the contents of the box score.

“When she was sitting up here, I pointed to her four turnovers, I said, ‘What was that?’ And she immediately went to the next column and she said, ‘Look, I got it back, I got four steals,’ ” Auriemma said. “That’s her mentality, it’s always, ‘This is what I did to help us win, I’m not worried about what the other stuff was.’ ”

The ability to know what it takes to win while letting the “other stuff” slide is what makes Bueckers a rare talent, and among the best ever to play for UConn, Auriemma added.

“I’ve admired that in her forever, that she believes in herself, whether you believe in her or not,” Auriemma said. “And I happen to believe in her 100,000 percent.”

Bueckers finished with 31 points in UConn’s 78-64 Elite Eight victory over the Trojans, that sent the Huskies to their record 24th national semifinal in the women’s NCAA Tournament. UConn is set to play No. 1 overall seed UCLA on Friday in Tampa, Florida, as the Huskies vie for their first national championship since 2016.

Bueckers is playing out her final season with



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UConn guard Paige Bueckers, left, places confetti onto head coach Geno Auriemma, front right, after the team’s win over Southern California in the Elite Eight of the NCAA college basketball tournament, Monday, March 31, 2025, in Spokane, Wash.

UConn and is expected to be the No. 1 pick in the WNBA draft later this month. So far in the tournament, she’s been playing as if she doesn’t want to surrender her UConn jersey.

She had a career-high 34 points in a second-round victory over South Dakota State in her final game at Gampel Pavilion, then bested that with a 40-point performance over Oklahoma in the Sweet 16.

“Just staying present, staying in the moment, not worrying about the pressures or the stakes because everybody’s dealing with it, everybody’s there to win a national title, and nobody is there on accident,” Bueckers said about her process. “Everybody there is elite and great and there for a reason. So just sticking to being in the moment, staying present and capitalizing

off of everything.”

Auriemma called her “the most incredibly positive human being” he’s ever been around. But he still holds her accountable when she slips. During the game against Oklahoma, Auriemma got after Bueckers for her defense.

“Just an everyday interaction between Coach and Paige,” Bueckers shrugged with a smile.

The exchange was typical of the relationship between coach and player forged over Bueckers’ career in Storrs. Both are serious about winning, but there’s also some good-natured banter.

“For her to get all the attention she gets, have all the demands on her life, all the expectations in her life, and still be able to deliver — I thought she was a unique individual when I saw her in high school,” Auriemma said.

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NFL CHANGES

How the new NFL rules on kickoffs, overtime will work

BY JOSH DUBOW
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The one-year trial version of the dynamic kickoff in the NFL led to an uptick in the return rate that wasn't quite as much as the league had hoped.

Now the new form of the kickoff that is more like a scrimmage play is permanent with a change for 2025 that the league hopes will lead to a significant increase in returns.

Owners voted Tuesday to move touchbacks on kicks from the 30 to the 35 in hopes that more teams will kick the ball in play instead of giving up an extra 5 yards of field position.

The league also approved changes to the overtime rule, expanded replay assist and made a few other technical changes at the league meetings in Palm Beach, Florida.

Here's an explanation of some of the new rules that will be in place.

WHAT'S NEW WITH THE KICKOFF?

The league was mostly pleased with the experimental kickoff put in place for 2024 that led to the rate of kickoff returns increasing from a record-low 21.8% in 2023 to 32.8% last season, while reducing the rate of injuries on what had been the game's most dangerous play.

The rule made kickoffs more like scrimmage plays by placing the coverage players and blockers close together to eliminate the high-speed collisions that had contributed to so many injuries on the play. The league said the rate of concussions dropped 43% on returns with a significant reduction as well in lower-body injuries.

The problem last season was many teams still opted to kick the ball in the end zone because the touchback wasn't punitive enough. The average starting field position on a touchback was

only 2.4 yards further than the average starting position after returns, which was the 27.6-yard line.

By moving the touchback to the 35, the league projects that the return rate will rise to somewhere between 60% and 70%, with a similar increase in long returns, adding more excitement to the game.

The league also approved a small tweak to how blockers on the return team are allowed to line up in the setup zone that could lead to longer returns.

HOW WILL OVERTIME CHANGE?

The league approved a proposal to make the regular season overtime more like the postseason, with both teams getting a chance at a possession, even if the team that got the ball first scored a touchdown.

The NFL added regular season overtime in 1974, adding a 15-minute sudden death period that ended on any score. In 2010, the rule was tweaked to a "modified" sudden death that required an opening possession

touchdown to immediately end the game instead of only a field goal in both the regular season and playoffs.

Overtime then was shortened for the regular season to only 10 minutes in 2017. A rule change in 2022 for the playoffs only gave both teams the chance to score even with a touchdown on the opening possession.

Now that will be the case in the regular season, after the improved field position on kickoffs made winning in OT on an opening possession TD easier.

According to Sportradar, six of the 16 overtime games last season ended on an opening-drive TD for the most overtime games ended on the first drive since the rule change went into effect in 2010.

In all, teams that won the overtime toss won 75% of the time last season, according to Sportradar, and have a .606 winning percentage in overtime since it was cut to 10 minutes.

The league kept the 10-minute overtime period instead of expanding it back to 15 minutes like was orig-

inally proposed by Philadelphia, which could lead to teams opting to go for 2 and a win if they match an opening-drive TD with one of their own since there might not be time for another possession.

REPLAY ASSIST

The NFL expanded its replay assist system to overturn objective calls if there was "clear and obvious" evidence that a foul didn't occur. The calls could include facemask penalties, whether there was forcible contact to the head or neck area, horse-collar tackles and tripping. Replay also would be able to overturn a roughing-the-kicker or running-into-the-kicker penalty if video showed the defender made contact with the ball.

The league has been using replay assist in recent years to overturn obvious errors on aspects like whether a pass is caught or where the ball should be spotted without the referee needing to stop the game for a review.

The Competition Commit-

tee says there's no interest in allowing replay assists to call penalties on plays missed by officials on the field.

OTHER CHANGES

There were a few procedural rules changed. Teams will now be able to conduct Zoom or phone meetings with prospective free agents during the so-called legal tampering period.

Teams can place two players on injured reserve with the designation to return when rosters are reduced to 53 players instead of after. Playoff teams also will be granted two additional return from IR designations.

What's up with the tush push?

A proposal by Green Bay to outlaw the tush push that Philadelphia has used so successfully was tabled until the May meetings. A vote on a proposal to tweak the onside kick rule also was delayed until May, along with a proposal by Detroit to change the playoff seeding to place wild-card teams ahead of a division winner with a worse record.

College basketball coaches say game is losing appeal

BY EDDIE PELLIS
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More than the deep runs in March Madness, the 660 victories over 37 years or even the 20 or so players he coached who ended up making millions in the NBA, Leonard Hamilton is proud of a number he can count on one hand.

It is, he says, the number of players he coached at Miami, and then for the past 23 seasons at Florida State, who failed to graduate.

Hamilton, now 76 and stepping away from a business he barely recognizes anymore, says he is at peace with leaving coaching behind. More than a dozen other coaches interviewed by The Associated Press leading up to this year's NCAA tournaments expressed concern about the future of their industry. Most said they still liked their jobs, but it has taken some adjustments.

"What I have learned is, the skill set that was required to be a good coach 10 years ago, very little of that applies anymore," said Buzz Williams, who spent six years at Texas A&M and on Tuesday was named the new coach at Maryland.

Coach after coach, from Miami's Jim Larrañaga to Virginia's Tony Bennett to Villanova's Jay Wright and others have all walked away from the game, saying it no longer holds the appeal it once did. Some specifically blamed the transfer portal for the added stress — Michigan State coach Tom Izzo last week called the portal a "urinal" — and of course the pressure to compete for players with endorsement money, a topic that stretches beyond basketball.

Most of those coaches made comfortable careers in college, some of them earning big paychecks, and some of their replacements are doing just fine. But there is no way around the fact that many feel their profession is becoming difficult to manage in its current state and certainly doesn't have the same feel-good goals it once did.

Answers? Williams doesn't have them, other than "this upcoming season is going to be different from the last season." Hamilton insists he doesn't have answers either for a college sports landscape that feels more like a talent auction every day. Only questions.

One of them: "Is this what we want in college sports, people going to the highest bidder?" he asks. Hamilton said he will not answer that question, lest he be painted as a coach who left because he is against paying players.

Untethered from the prospect of having to lure those players to a program anymore, though, he can ask

the questions in ways many other coaches can't — or won't: "Have you heard anybody talk about academics lately?" he said.

FROM APR TO NIL

Final Four week used to be a week that induced handwringing over one of college basketball's most defining metrics: The Academic Progress Rate (APR) scores would be held up as a North Star for programs that did things the "right way" or as a cudgel for those that didn't, with the NCAA able to slap sanctions.

Debates on the road to the title would revolve around whether those still playing were the best examples of schools that produced "student-athletes," to use the NCAA's increasingly anachronistic term, or simply churned out one-and-dones who could come, contribute to a title run, then head for big bucks in the pros.

These days, big bucks are available in college. The APR still comes out each June, but its relevance has been replaced by a new entry in the NCAA's cauldron of alphabet soup: NIL.

The numbers attached to the name, image and likeness deals are now what get the most attention. They are the most telling indicator of a program's health and the main consideration — maybe the only consideration — when it comes to adding players from an increasingly packed transfer portal or simply keeping them on your own roster.

UCLA coach Cori Close, who is taking the program to its first women's Final Four, says the Bruins have all the advantages they need to stay competitive.

"That being said, globally, I do wonder if we are eroding the true lessons that stay with young people for the rest of their lives," Close said. "My biggest commitment in being a coach is preparing young people for life after basketball and I sometimes worry ... we're eroding some of the character building that I think is really what's most special about college athletics."

Judge's ruling to set table for new era

Next Monday, a federal judge will hear final arguments before deciding whether to approve the House settlement, a \$2.8 billion plan that will add a new layer of change to an already unstable landscape.

If Judge Claudia Wilken approves the settlement as expected, then for the first time, schools will be allowed to share TV, ticket and other revenue to the tune of around \$20.5 million per year per institution with their athletes. That will be in addition to the payments

already allowed from third parties that are turning college players into millionaires.

Duke's Cooper Flagg, the biggest star in the men's college game and the favorite to cut down the nets in San Antonio a few hours after that hearing, is making an estimated \$4.8 million via NIL deals. Next year, five-star recruit AJ Dybantsa is expected to play at BYU on a deal reportedly worth \$7 million.

If the settlement is approved, the new rules will go into play on July 1. The schools — even the biggest and best organized — are scrambling to put the pieces in place.

"We're not ready to go, and I think if anybody says that they are, they're not telling the truth," Michigan athletic director Warde Manuel said. "We're getting nearer to being ready to go."

Life as a coach means change

As leader of one of the wealthiest athletic departments in the country, with a donor base that matches its storied tradition, Manuel has things relatively good.

Last year, when the Wolverines were coach shopping, they made a run at Florida Atlantic coach Dusty May — he was fresh off his team's magical run to the Final Four — and had the resources to land him. One of May's top players at FAU, Vlad Goldin, and one of his top recruits, LJ Cason, came with him.

That sort of churn, from the smaller school to the bigger one, is now a daily occurrence in college basketball.

At Northern Colorado, Steve Smiley came oh-so-close to the program's second March Madness appearance last month. The Bears, playing in the Big Sky Conference, are a solid program that occasionally nabs a great player.

Two seasons ago, that player was Dalton Knecht, who blossomed and averaged 20 points and seven rebounds. A year later, he was making bigger money at Tennessee on his way to the NBA. Last year, the diamond in the rough was Saint Thomas, who came to Northern Colorado from Loyola-Chicago. This season, he played for Southern California.

"I still enjoy coaching every bit as much as I ever have," Smiley said. "But I'm from the small colleges, I played Division II basketball, I coached at junior college and a lot of different levels before getting to this one. You wear a million different hats, and you grow with that idea, and it's helped us be able to adjust to all the movement and change."

SHOW ME THE MONEY

Back in 2010, Tad Boyle left Northern Colorado to move down the road to University of Colorado. He has spent those years turning the Buffaloes into a semi-regular contender. But not this year.

In a season that flew far under the radar at a school where Deion Sanders' reinvigoration of the football program is hogging the attention, Boyle went 14-20 after losing six players to the NBA and the transfer portal.

Boyle, as always, was handed a ballot to vote for his conference's coach of the year at the end of the season. This year, he

refused to fill it out. He said there was no way to assess who did a good job unless you knew how much money their programs had to pay players.

"We know what the Kansas City Royals payroll is. We know what the New York Yankees payroll is, and then we can judge whether the Royals have a better year than the Yankees based upon that," Boyle said in drawing an analogy to a relatively transparent system that does not exist in college sports.

What are the rules and who enforces them?

Even if schools are freed up to spend \$20.5 million on

players under terms of the settlement, that money will be distributed in different ways to players in different sports — mostly football and men's and women's basketball.

While there are plans for an enforcement body to make sure everyone follows the same rules, even its role is murky with the launch only three months away.

The payments will come from the schools — above the table — but the general lack of transparency in college sports put a disconcerting spin on Hamilton's departure from Florida

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SUDOKU

How to play:
Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9.

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SUDOKU

How to play:
Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9.

HOROSCOPE

APRIL 4

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Some people might not recognize they are treading in sensitive areas unless you let them know how you feel. There can be ways to have the conversation without driving anyone away, sometimes people can respect you even more.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You might gain recognition by giving more than promised. A compelling presentation of yourself could make lasting impressions in both business and personal relationships. Allow your natural charm and originality to shine through.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Stay prepared for opportunities that may present themselves. Wanting to achieve your dream might not be enough, you may have a better chance by being ready to take control of the situation and following your destiny through the twists and turns.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You may have a conversation with a trusted advisor to focus on fostering business success. Do your best to be precise and polite. Talk your way out of tough spots by admitting mistakes. A budding romance might need more time to blossom.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Tossing everything aside doesn't have to be the first step in your transformation. Sometimes baby steps outside your comfort zone may stimulate greater change. Explore ways to implement the appropriate changes to achieve your goals.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You might be determined not to let small obstacles hinder your progress. Be careful that overconfidence does not lead you to overlook the necessary details. Consider listening to the advice of a loved one about your money or possessions.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) The sea is only smooth when there's no wind. Find a way to enjoy the waves that may prove you're making progress. When it gets rough, you may have the chance to move even faster. You've got the spirit and drive to handle the next round of opportunities.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) New friendships could be on the horizon. A conversation might open doors to lasting prosperity. Joining a group with a shared mission could broaden your perspective. Consider releasing outdated methods and embracing fresh approaches.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) You may have a dream to travel. A romantic outing could meet your expectations while a proposal concerning shared finances or assets may take flight. Your youthful outlook might allow you to learn new ways of doing things.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Money could change everything, if you let it. You might find yourself at the threshold of a significant opportunity that could elevate your status among peers and reshape your professional image. Stay focused and pay attention.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) You might be open and welcome the chance to delve into life's mysteries with others. A firm handshake and a smile could make all the difference. You might come out on top in a competition but remember to be a gracious winner.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) You may seek comfort in close relationships. Even as storms brew, your close friends could provide a sense of shelter. It might not be the time for big gestures or contract signings, but possibly a chance to grow your professional network.

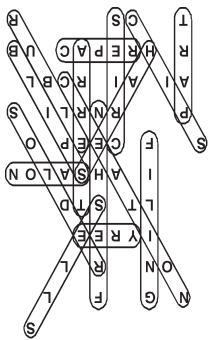
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Jumble solution

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Sleuth solution



JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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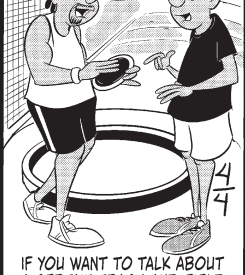
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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

It's amazing that Homer wrote about this sport in the Iliad and the Odyssey.

It was part of the ancient Olympic Games.



IF YOU WANT TO TALK ABOUT A CERTAIN TRACK-AND-FIELD EVENT, THEN YOU CAN ---

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

WORD SLEUTH

INSERT AN "M" TO MAKE A NEW WORD

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Thursday's unlisted clue: YANKEES 12

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.
Friday's unlisted clue hint: — MACHE

Arrest	Creation	Freshen	Sells
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Caper	Eery	Ruble	Trap
Chips	Filing	Salon	

SHEFFER CROSSWORD

ACROSS	41 Copper head?	DOWN	22 TiVo precursor
1 For-bidden	43 British ref. work	1 Highland hat	24 A/C stat
6 Poorly lit	44 C&W great	2 Previously	26 Algiers section
9 Unlock, in verse	45 Language of Egypt	3 Trité saying	28 Biblical realm
12 "Get —!"	47 Fraternal greetings	4 French waterway	30 German pronoun
13 Actress Merkel	49 Tennis star	5 Pundits' pieces	32 Rich fabric
14 Soup legume	52 French article	6 Capital of Ireland	33 Multi-purpose truck
15 Antlered animal	53 Opposite of "post-"	7 Con-cerning	34 Crummy game
16 Financial agents	54 Wiser partner	8 Chinese chairman	36 Perfect pitcher
18 Interfere neighbor	55 Hot wok sound	9 Verdi work	38 Photog-rapher Diane
20 Huron, to Nero	56 — Juan	10 Danger stand	39 Bruce and Laura
21 1006, to Hindu	57 City in New Hamp-shire	11 Painter's stand	40 Slender wood-winds
23 Court sport, in short		17 Skewered entrees	42 Kindle down-load
24 Outlet letters		19 Used a towel	45 Taj Mahal city
25 App with pics, informally		21 Buddy	46 Cruise stop
27 App with pics, informally			48 Boom times
29 Fedora feature			50 Actor Jeong
31 Uproar			51 Is for you?
35 Move laterally			
37 Madrid miss (Abbr.)			
38 Pueblo material			

Solution time: 25 mins.

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Today's solution

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HOROSCOPE

APRIL 5

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You may shine like a star and easily attract new connections. Although your charisma might be magnetizing, watch out for overconfidence. When it comes to love, just be sure it's the real deal you're after, not just the idea of being in love.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Clear the decks and make room for new opportunities. Dynamic changes could eliminate obstacles in the coming days. Be cautious not to create conditions that might hinder your achievement of important goals or disrupt valuable relationships.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) It takes two to tango. If single, you may find the perfect moment to dance your way into someone's heart this weekend. Soothing conversations could strengthen connection and affection. Encouragement may be subtle, so pay attention.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You might be very serious about achieving your goals and dreams. However, being overly strict with yourself could backfire. Be careful as you might miss a romantic gesture or an exciting event due to your lean focus this weekend.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Your genuine kindness and integrity might save you from manipulation. Resist the urge to participate in unfair advantages, even if tempting. Your romantic interests could make you feel ten feet tall but remember to balance wishful thinking with reality.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Keep your eyes open and your ears to the ground. A lucrative opportunity could slip by if you're not paying attention. Fabricating facts might seem appealing at first, but it usually results in many steps backward. Acknowledge good deeds and good fortune.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Your eyes might wander, but true happiness could lie in what you already possess; be content with what you have. Take a moment to reflect and decide on the right path. You may work up a good sweat by acting on inspiration and being creative.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Soar high like a hawk today. There may be a chance to embrace your free spirit and explore your wild side with an adventurous romantic partner. Your romantic and financial conflicts might resolve because of your practical solutions.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Clear communication is crucial in any relationship. You might struggle to articulate your actions or feelings initially, but as the weekend progresses, this could clear up. Don't hesitate to clarify your stance and share your romantic ideas.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You can't teach an old dog new tricks. It may be wise to spend your time with long-trusted friends for advice rather than venturing forward with new acquaintances. Their wisdom could support your goals and offer guidance.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Grapes might not always be the most accurate. Verify facts from reliable sources before deciding. Hold off on implementing plans until you have the full picture. Small savings and discounts may add up and be beneficial.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) The way you talk to yourself, and others, could greatly influence the results you see. You may build your success by believing in yourself and being positive. It might take plenty of practice to learn, but you could feel the results in unexpected ways.

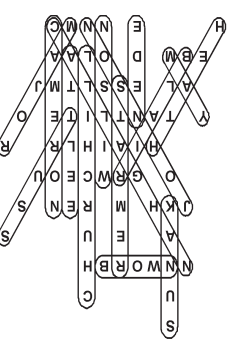
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Jumble solution

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Sleuth solution



JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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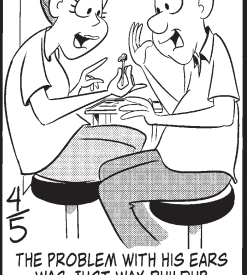
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RPXTEO

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

Wow! Here's the problem. This should help.

I can already tell how much clearer everything sounds.



THE PROBLEM WITH HIS EARS WAS JUST WAX BUILDUP, WHICH HE WAS ---

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

WORD SLEUTH

U.K. PRIME MINISTERS SINCE WWII

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Friday's unlisted clue: PAPER

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.
Saturday's unlisted clue hint: MARGARET —

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Blair	Churchill	Major	Truss
Brown	Eden	May	Wilson
Callaghan	Heath	Starmer	

SHEFFER CROSSWORD

ACROSS	40 Free (of)	DOWN	13 Soccer scores
1 Georgia or Virginia, for example	42 Japanese noodles	1 Avoid a trial	18 Label
6 Long journeys	43 Archipelago unit (Abbr.)	2 Ankle bone	21 Actress Close
11 Throws	44 AOL alter-native	3 "Hail, Caesar!"	23 Praise
12 Trying (for)	46 Hit CBS series	4 Heroine in a Hardy title	25 URL ending
14 Not moving	47 Ornamental shrub	5 Perfume compound	27 Knock
15 "— shabby!"	49 Pendant with a photo	6 Colorful bird	29 Bonn's country
16 ACLU issues	51 Lustrous fabric	7 Laugh-a-minute	31 Out of whack
17 Attack lead-in	52 Ochoa of the LPGA	8 911 responder	32 Italian scooters
20 Dross	53 Tenuous sound	9 Baby cat	33 Crude stone artifact
22 Tatter		10 Slept loudly	34 Estuary
23 Fall (over)		11 Draconian	36 Gym compartment
24 "Greetings!"			37 Missing
26 Verbal nouns			38 Indian yogurt dish
28 Work unit			
30 "Awesome, dude!"			41 Deli pickles
31 One seeking retribution			44 Tech whiz
35 Of the Arctic			45 Lake bird
39 "You're putting —!"			48 Stephen of "Still Crazy"
			50 —
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Solution time: 26 mins.

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Today's solution

Jokic scored career-high 61 in 2OT loss to Wolves

BY PAT GRAHAM
ASSOCIATED PRESS

DENVER — Michael Malone called him Superman. At the moment, Nikola Jokic's just super-tired.

The Denver Nuggets big man can't wait to get some sleep after a career-best 61-point performance in which he played nearly 53 minutes. He didn't leave the court after halftime of a 140-139 double-overtime loss to the Minnesota Timberwolves on Tuesday night.

His scoring spree was the most by a player in the NBA this season. Jokic also had 10 rebounds and 10 assists, notching the third 60-point triple-double in NBA history. Luka Doncic did it on Dec. 27, 2022 and James Harden did it on Jan. 30, 2018.

"The guy's Superman," Nuggets coach Malone said. "He's on a whole other level, man. People

say he's not athletic, but not many guys can do what he does."

Jokic's previous career best was 56 points in a loss at Washington on Dec. 7. The franchise mark is held by David Thompson, who had 73 points at Detroit on April 9, 1978.

On Tuesday, Jokic attempted 24 free throws — making 19 — to match the team mark held by Carmelo Anthony. For all his exploits, Jokic had just one over-riding emotion: "Tired," he said. "It was an exhausting game."

Anthony Edwards gave the three-time NBA MVP major props. Jokic's in a heated race for another MVP award with Oklahoma City's Shai Gilgeous-Alexander.

"Nikola Jokic, he might be the best basketball player that I have ever seen close up, besides myself," cracked Edwards, who had

34 points and 10 rebounds. "He is incredible. The MVP race is tough. I don't know. He had 60. That is crazy."

Of course, this game — a sixth straight loss to Minnesota, including playoffs — will be remembered by Nuggets fans for Jokic's exploits on the court. But it will also be remembered for a wild finish.

Leading 139-138 with around 14 seconds left, Russell Westbrook stole the ball and dished it over to Christian Braun who then sent it right back to Westbrook for a layup. But Westbrook's layup clanked off the rim and started a break the other way.

Westbrook ran down the court and fouled Nickeil Alexander-Walker in the corner with 0.1 seconds

remaining. The Timberwolves guard hit two of three free throws to steal the victory.

"Obviously, I feel awful for Russ," Malone said. "That last play we get the turnover, we don't convert, and then the foul. It was not from a lack of effort or care."

"Sometimes it goes like that, and that's why we've just got to be strong. We've got to be resilient."

The big question: Should the Nuggets have not attempted the layup and pulled the ball back out to run down the clock?

"It's tough. You've got a two-on-one break," Malone said. "As a coach, am I up on the sideline

yelling, 'Don't go?' We've got a layup. But it's easy to say that (pull the ball out) in hindsight, because we missed a layup. ... He (Westbrook) is a tough kid, and I think he knows that everybody in that locker room's got his back."

For Jokic, there's not much time for rest. The Nuggets play Wednesday

night against San Antonio. All he said he needs was a little break.

"I think we're so used to this," Jokic said. "Tomorrow, I'm not going to remember I played so many minutes."

Curry hits 12 3s in 52-point night over Grizzlies

BY CLAY BAILEY
ASSOCIATED PRESS

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — The last time Stephen Curry and Golden State played in Memphis, he was held without a field goal and the Warriors lost by 51 points.

Curry didn't recall the frustration from that loss in December. And there was no repeat on Tuesday night.

Curry fired up 3-pointers throughout the contest, connecting on a dozen from long range on the way to a 52-point performance as the Warriors beat the Grizzlies 134-125.

"I had actually forgotten," Curry said when asked if the teams' previous game was motivation. "I was just kind of more focused on how big this game was for us."

The victory moved the Warriors past Memphis into fifth place in the Western Conference, and benched in two areas. With the victory, Golden State won the season series 3-1, in essence giving them a two-game lead over the Grizzlies in the standings.

Curry connected on his first five shot, including four 3-pointers, was 11 of 16 by halftime, including 8 of 10 from distance. His 32 points in the first half gave the Warriors a lead, but they had to hold on for the victory.

Curry said he felt rejuvenated after taking a week off late last month, recovering from a left pelvic contusion. He is still wearing a pad to protect the injury, but the time off cleared his mind and helped him physically.

"I feel in a good

rhythm," he said. "The week off helped. The tank is pretty full."

Curry's score line of 52 points, 10 rebounds and eight assists marked the first time a Golden State player hit those marks since Rick Barry (64 points, 10 rebounds, nine assists) against Portland on March 26, 1974.

As part of Curry's night, he also passed Jerry West and moved into 25th place on the all-time NBA scorer's list.

"I got a little emotional about that," Curry said of passing West. "It was special. In his memory. What he meant to our organization, the league, to the world of basketball. ... That's the logo."

Warriors coach Steve Kerr characterized Curry's performance as "incredible". Kerr, who has seen plenty of Curry's spectacular nights couldn't believe one shot in the second quarter, turning away from the court in disbelief.

"Fifty-two points with people draped all over him, all game long," Kerr said, later adding: "I've been watching this for 11 years, and actually longer before I became his coach. ... You get a real sense of just the magnitude of his talent."

"The guy is amazing to watch."

But as special as the night was, long-time teammate put it in perspective when asked if it was Curry's best game. "Hell, no. No chance," Draymond Green said. "I've played with him for 15 years. I can't quite recall the best one of the top of my head, but that ain't it."

A's bat boy Thalblum takes down drone in LF

BY JANIE MCCAULEY
AP BASEBALL WRITER

WEST SACRAMENTO, Calif. — When a drone suddenly appeared near the left-field wall at Sutter Health Park on Monday night, veteran Athletics bat boy Stewart Thalblum decided to help thwart it.

The drone tried to lift him off the grass but Thalblum used a bat and brought it down, careful not to cut himself with the spinning blades.

Once the device had been corralled, Thalblum handed it off to a security guard.

The drone appeared with Seth Brown batting for the Athletics in the seventh inning of the Chicago Cubs'

18-3 rout and it delayed the game for a few minutes.

"I think for me I didn't want to cut my fingers off. I always see that on the news, people hurt themselves when it's hovering or whatever and their hand gets caught in it," said the 22-year-old Thalblum, a sixth-year bat boy. "I tried to catch it by the bottom and it was there for me so I just grabbed it and then I just started whacking the wings of it basically with the bat just to snap them off so it wouldn't fly away from me because I was going to take it behind the wall. We couldn't figure out what to do with it and it was trying to fly away from me."



STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF SWITZERLAND
IN THE SWITZERLAND
COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT
CASE NO. 78C01-2503-MI-000096
IN RE THE MATTER OF:
Elijah Corey Don Batchelor
Name of Minor

Kathryn Batchelor
By Next Friend

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Notice is hereby given that, Kathryn Batchelor, Next Friend of minor child, self-represented, filed a Verified Petition for Change of Name on March 12, 2025 to change the name of Elijah Corey Don Batchelor to Elijah Christopher Don Hankins.
The Petition is scheduled for hearing in the Switzerland County Circuit Court on June 24, 2205 at 9:00am, which is more than thirty (30) days after the third notice of publication. Any person has the right to appear at the hearing and to file written objections on or before the hearing date.



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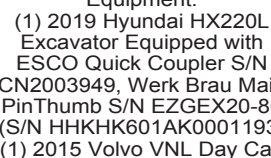


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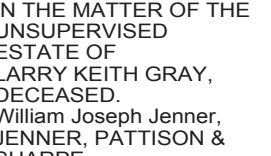
TO THE OWNERS OF THE WITHIN DESCRIBED REAL ESTATE AND ALL INTERESTED PARTIES
NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE
By virtue of a certified copy of a decree to me directed from the Clerk of Circuit Court of Jefferson County, Indiana, in Cause No. 39C01-2407-MF-000625 wherein MidFirst Bank was Plaintiff, and The Unknown Heirs at Law of Ronald Marc Mowery, Deceased, Occupant(s) of 18 S Main Cross St, Hanover, IN 47243, State of Indiana through its Department of Revenue, Mariner Finance LLC successor in interest to Personal Finance Company LLC, Secretary of Housing and Urban Development and LVNV Funding LLC were Defendants, requiring me to make the sum as provided for in said Decree with interest and cost, I will expose at public sale to the highest bidder, on the 22nd day of May, 2025, at the hour of 10:00 A.M. or as soon thereafter as is possible, at 1150 JA Berry Lane, Madison, IN 47250, the fee simple of the whole body of Real Estate in Jefferson County, Indiana.
Part of Lot No. 1, Southwest Addition to the Town of Hanover, to-wit: Beginning at the Southeast corner of said Lot 6; thence North 60 feet; thence West 85 feet; thence South 60 feet; thence East 85 feet to the place of beginning.
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Parcel No. : 39-14-12-331-059.000-003
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Date: Monday, April 7th, 2025
Address: 6531 SR 13, Pendleton, IN 46064
Time: 9:00 AM Local Time
By virtue of default by M & M Core LLC
(Individually and collectively "Client"), under a Negotiable Promissory Note and Security Agreement(s), Security Agreement(s) Promissory Note(s), Lease Agreement(s) and related documents dated July 29, 2022; October 6, 2022 and December 12, 2022 , payable to Commercial Credit Group Inc. ("CCG"), which obligation is secured by the property described below (the "Equipment"), CCG will sell at Public Auction, to the highest bidder, AS-IS, WHERE-IS, WITHOUT ANY REPRESENTATIONS OR WARRANTIES, EXPRESS, IMPLIED OR STATUTORY, INCLUDING WITHOUT LIMITATION, ANY WARRANTY OF MERCHANTABILITY OR ANY WARRANTY OF FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE, all of its right, title and interest to the following Equipment:
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STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF JEFFERSON
SS:
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY
ESTATE DOCKET
39C01-2503-EU-000023
IN THE MATTER OF THE UNSUPERVISED ESTATE OF JOHN ANDREW BEAR, DECEASED.
William Joseph Jenner, JENNER, PATTISON & SHARPE,
508 E. Main Street, Madison, IN 47250; (812) 265-5132
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, INDIANA
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JOHN ANDREW BEAR, DECEASED.
Notice is hereby given that Benjamin James Bear was, on March 22, 2025, appointed personal representative of the estate of John Andrew Bear, deceased, who died on the 10th day of March, 2025. All persons who have claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the Clerk of this Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred. Dated at Madison, Indiana, this 22nd day of March, 2025.
/s/ Tabatha Eblen
Clerk of the Circuit Court of Jefferson County, IN (SEAL)



STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF JEFFERSON
SS:
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY
ESTATE DOCKET
39C01-2503-EU-000022
IN THE MATTER OF THE UNSUPERVISED ESTATE OF LARRY KEITH GRAY, DECEASED.
William Joseph Jenner, JENNER, PATTISON & SHARPE,
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NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, INDIANA
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF LARRY KEITH GRAY, DECEASED.
Notice is hereby given that Cynthia Carole Carter was, on the 22nd day of March, 2025, appointed personal representative of the estate of Larry Keith Gray, deceased, who died on the 24th day of December, 2024. All persons who have claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the Clerk of this Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred. Dated at Madison, Indiana, this 22nd day of March, 2025.
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LEGAL NOTICE

The Indiana Department of Environmental Management is accepting public comments on the Voluntary Remediation Work Plan for the Former Siemens Water site, located at 2753 Michigan Road in Madison, Indiana.
IDEM is seeking public comments on the Remediation Work Plan submitted by Evoqua Water Technologies, LLC, Site #6160601; ACS #VU0GP as part of their fulfillment of a voluntary cleanup. The Remediation Work Plan and all site documents are available on the internet at:

Indiana Department of Environmental Management
Virtual File Cabinet. Type the following address into your browser: <http://vfc.idem.in.gov/>
In the top right corner of the page, select "Content ID" then in the field next to it enter the document numbers 80608584, 82567925, 83349906, 83709152, 83770098, and 83780441

Or a copy of the Remediation Work Plan may be available for review between March 31, 2025 and April 29, 2025 at:

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IDEM will accept written comments until April 29, 2025.
Mail your comments to:

Mark A. Nance, Senior Environmental Manager
IDEM Voluntary Remediation Program
100 North Senate Avenue, N1101
Indianapolis, IN 46204-2251
or by email MNance@idem.IN.gov

For further information or for assistance accessing the Remediation Work Plan, contact Mark A. Nance at (317) 233-7089, (800) 451-6027.



NOTICE OF SALE: On April 14, 2025 at 11:00 a.m., Madison Village MHC will sell to the highest bidder the following mobile home: A cream-colored Mobile Home with Unknown Owner but previously occupied by Jason Deaton. The sale will take place at Madison Village MHC 315 W. Skyline Dr. Site #226 Madison, IN 47250



Alcohol & Tobacco Commission
LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
The Alcohol Beverage Board of Jefferson County, Indiana will hold a public hearing at 1:00 pm on April 14, 2025 at the Troy D Morgan Public Safety Cntr, Mtg Rm, 620 Green Rd., in the city of Madison in said county, to investigate the propriety of holding an alcoholic beverage permit by the applicants listed herein to wit:
DL3914676 Beer Wine & Liquor Package Store RENEWAL
Joseph Hall 10685 N SR 7 Dupont IN D/B/A Hall's Package Store
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RR3938682 Beer Wine & Liquor Restaurant (210-1) RENEWAL
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RR3939982 Beer Wine & Liquor Restaurant (210-1) RENEWAL
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DL3933573 Beer & Wine Dealer Grocery Store RENEWAL
SPEEDUP LLC 468 E LaGrange Road Hanover IN D/B/A Speedup Shell Oil

GATORS

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two assists by finding Thomas Haugh for open 3s.

“Instead of letting our emotions get the best of us or pointing fingers, we did a good job staying the course,” Golden said. “Obviously our guys did a good job understanding it’s now or never and made every big play down the stretch.”

Added Haugh: “When you’ve got guards like these guys, the game’s never over. It’s just wild.”

Florida ranks second in the country in second-half scoring margin, a clear indication of the team’s coaching/talent/depth combination. The Gators were down against Alabama and Tennessee in the SEC tournament last month and did the same to the Huskies and Maryland in NCAA play.

UConn led much of the game until Clayton stepped up in the closing minutes. The Terrapins held tough early — they trailed 40-38 at halftime — before Florida made a few adjustments at the beak and dominated the second half.

It’s hardly anything new for Golden’s group, either.

The Gators nearly beat Missouri in mid-January despite trailing by 19. They rallied to shock South Car-

olina a week later after being down 14 in the second half. Although less dramatic, they did something similar at LSU in late February. Down eight in the second half, Florida flipped a switch and routed the Tigers the rest of the way.

Golden’s squad nearly pulled off another stunner three days later. After trailing by 26 in the first half, Florida fought back to take a lead at Georgia before Cain Blue hit a dagger 3 with a minute to play.

“Again, the consistency, the maturity and their belief in each other is a big part of that,” Golden said.

Golden has spent three years rebuilding Florida, which is in the Final Four for the first time since 2014. He ended up with three senior guards — Clayton, Will Richard and Florida Atlantic trans-

fer Alijah Martin — who comprise the core of the team. Each of them has made plays to spark comebacks, although Richard and Martin have so far taken a backseat to Clayton in the postseason.

Still, the trio is the main reason these Gators have won 10 in a row and have a shot at a third national title and first since going back-to-back in 2006-07. And all of them have the potential to chomp, especially in crunch time.

“Guys could just break apart during those moments,” Clayton said. “We all stay the course, stay together. And I think that just goes to show the togetherness of the team, the love we have for each other to get through those tough times.”

Ovechkin scores 892nd goal, now stands 2 from Gretzky

RALEIGH, N.C. — Alex Ovechkin moved three goals away from breaking Wayne Gretzky’s NHL record after scoring the 892nd of his career in the Washington Capitals’ game at the Carolina Hurricanes on Wednesday night.

Ovechkin beat Frederik Andersen on a 5-on-3 power-play with 34.5 seconds left in the second period. He now has 10 goals in 13 career games against Andersen, 53 overall in the 92 games he has faced Carolina and 32 in 46 games in Raleigh, which is the most of any visiting player.

Commissioner Gary Bettman, Capitals owner Ted Leonsis and Ovechkin’s wife, Nastya, were in attendance for No. 892, sitting

together in a suite.

The 39-year-old Russian has 39 goals this season and is one way from reaching 40 for a 14th time — also the most in league history — despite missing 16 games because of a broken left fibula.

The Eastern Conference-leading Capitals have seven more games left this

season. Ovechkin is on pace to pass Gretzky’s mark of 894, which long seemed unapproachable, before the playoffs begin.

Because it is only a regular-season record, Ovechkin’s pursuit would need to continue in October if he does not score two or more the rest of the way this month.

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STATE OF INDIANA IN THE JEFFERSON CIRCUIT COURT
SS:
COUNTY OF JEFFERSON CAUSE NUMBER: 39C01-2503-ES-000024

IN THE MATTER OF THE UNSUPERVISED
BRUCE A. COOPER, DECEASED
Devon M. Sharpe, JENNER, JENNER, PATTISON & SHARPE,
307 Jefferson Street, Madison, IN 47250; (812) 265-5132

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, INDIANA
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF BRUCE A. COOPER, DECEASED.

Notice is hereby given that Crystal Weaver was, on the 24th day of March, 2025, appointed personal representative of the estate of Bruce A. Cooper, deceased, who died on the 2nd day of October, 2024.

All persons who have claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the Clerk of this Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred.

Dated at Madison, Indiana, this 24th day of March, 2025.
/s/ Tabatha Eblen

Clerk of the Circuit Court of Jefferson County, IN (seal)

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Bibby drawing on NBA bloodlines to rebuild Sacramento State

BY JANIE MCCAULEY
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SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Mike Bibby and Shaquille O’Neal are going to be mixing it up again, all these years later.

No more Kings-Lakers rivalry or on-court trash talk. Now, it’s Bibby the college coach and O’Neal the student-athlete father.

Good thing they get along great these days — because Shaq’s son, Shaqir, verbally committed to play for Bibby in the former Kings star’s new position as head coach at Sacramento State.

“Me and Shaq have a good relationship. It probably wasn’t good when we were playing against each other,” Bibby said with a grin when formally introduced at the school Tuesday. “There was a lot of try to get a rivalry going, try to make it big time in the league.”

Don’t be surprised if more NBA players’ sons wind up in California’s capital with one of the most beloved stars to come through the Sacramento franchise. Bibby’s phone hasn’t stopped ringing since he was hired last week to take over the program. He doesn’t even have time

anymore to take his daily naps.

The 46-year-old Bibby is ready to lead the Hornets back into contention in the Big Sky Conference right away after they finished 7-25 last season.

“How awesome is this, look at our new head coach,” athletic director Mark Orr said. “Today’s introduction of Coach Bibby marks a successful turn of events here at Sacramento State over the last couple years. Our university is certainly on the rise.”

Bibby retired in 2012 and has had various coaching jobs since. He won five state titles and coached 25 players who received college scholarships in six seasons as coach at Shadow Mountain High School in Phoenix. He also has been an assistant for the Puerto Rican National Team, summer league teams for Cleveland and Memphis, and the NBA G-League Ignite.

“Mike isn’t just a basketball legend, he’s a Sacramento legend,” Sacramento State President Dr. Luke Wood said. “The city embraced him during his NBA years and he’s returning that love by choosing to lead our program. He understands the spirit of this

place, the grit, the underdog mentality, the pride and determination and he’s ready to build something that’s special right here at Sacramento State. With Coach Bibby at the helm we are raising the bar.”

Orr said he received inquiries about the job from NBA-level coaches on down, “and I kept coming back to one of the greatest basketball minds that this city has ever seen. He loves this community and wants to be here.”

And Bibby wants to leave a lasting mark and build something special here. He knows the student-athletes will look to him as an example of someone who has been at the top.

“I’m not satisfied with just being here. I don’t want to let the city down and I’m going to do my hardest not to,” Bibby said. “These kids are trying to get to where I’ve been, and why not get it from someone that’s been there before?”

Bibby won an NCAA championship as a player at Arizona in 1997 and then starred in the NBA for 14 seasons, with his most successful stint coming during seven seasons with the Kings. He helped Sacramento reach Game 7 of the 2002 West-

ern Conference Finals before losing to O’Neal and the Los Angeles Lakers.

Bibby’s players can’t wait to get going.

“He’s a legend, and I think the city needs somebody that’s going to reflect it culturally,” senior guard EJ Neal said. “He’s an icon in Sacramento.”

Bibby is ready to teach — “Everything has to be precise. We do it hard or we do it again.”

He plans to schedule top non-conference opponents — “They’ll overlook us.”

He has no doubt the Hornets will win immediately — “I have plans of taking this conference by storm.”

“Having a coach come in here to teach us and to try and push us and hold us accountable so we can get better and get to that position where he was I think is the biggest thing,” senior forward Jalen Pitre said.

Even with all of that confidence and swag, Bibby was clearly a bit emotional and overcome by this full-circle moment.

“I’m lost for words right now, I’m nervous as you guys can tell,” Bibby said. “I’m just ready, I’ve been ready for this for a long time.”

COACHES

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State. Late last year, six players sued the coach, claiming he did not make good on promises to pay them NIL money in a dispute seen elsewhere this past season.

The school has denied wrongdoing. Hamilton doesn’t talk about the lawsuit. He is more comfortable asking questions

about the world that created it.

“You can’t be the president of Chrysler today and the president of Ford tomorrow. You can’t play for the Lakers on Monday, then go play for the Clippers on Friday,” Hamilton said. “And somebody needs to be accountable for the chaos and explain what the thought process is of how we’re supposed to deal with all this. There has to be a structure. That’s how you keep order in society.”



David Campbell
Southwestern’s Adam Traylor pitched a no-hitter in the Rebels’ season-opener against Henryville on Monday.

TRAYLOR

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Dalten Wilson had three hits and an RBI for Carroll County; Luke Taylor was 2-for-3 with a home run, a double and two RBIs; Bryce Furnish had two hits; and Mason Ogden had a triple and two RBIs.

Preston Snow allowed six earned runs on seven hits in 2-1/3 innings to take the loss.

Switzerland, now 1-0 on the season, hosts Southwestern (Shelby) on Saturday and travels to Austin on Tuesday.

Carroll, now 4-4 on the season, was to visit Boone County on Thursday, hosts Dayton on Monday and

TRIMBLE FALLS IN ALL ‘A’

Trimble County suffered a 4-2 loss in the semifinals of the All “A” Classic Eighth Region Tournament at Trimble County on Tuesday.

Both teams had three hits in the game but the Raiders committed two errors. Nate Hance had a hit and two RBIs for Trimble while Liam Taylor and Nolan Hunt each had a hit and scored a run. Taylor suffered the loss in relief.

Trimble County, now 2-6 on the season, hosts Frankfort Christian on Saturday and plays at Fort Walton Beach (Fla.) on Wednesday while on the team’s spring break trip.

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